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PREFACE

Greeting in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This booklet has been compiled as a tool to help pastors, ministers and lay workers in the preparation of messages from the Scriptures. It was put together to help equip the disciple of Christ for growth and service.

Materials have been gathered from a variety of resources and from different people groups. In many instances the source of the material could not be determined and over time, information has been added to or deleted from the various original materials. All one can say is thank you to the body of Christ and to the many disciples who over time have given to us so many valuable materials. We know this information will cause many of the Asian believers of Christ to come to a place of full maturity.

It is our hope and prayer that this booklet will be a beginning point for all other people groups to be challenged to go out and prepare more materials in their own languages so that church members will grow to a place where they will produce fruit that will last for God's Glory. May God give us all much wisdom and understanding as we commit to serving the Body of Christ.

Fellow servants of Christ,

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ABBREVIATIONS

OLD TESTAMENT

1. GENESIS	Gen
2. EXODUS	Ex
3. LEVITICUS	Lev
4. NUMBERS	Num
5. DEUTERONOMY	Deut
6. JOSHUA	Josh
7. JUDGES	Judg
8. RUTH	Ruth
9. 1 SAMUEL	1 Sam
10. 2 SAMUEL	2 Sam
11. 1 KINGS	1 Kin
12. 2 KINGS	2 Kin
13. 1 CHRONICLES	1 Chr
14. 2 CHRONICLES	2 Chr
15. EZRA	Ezra
16. NEHEMIAH	Neh
17. ESTHER	Esth
18. JOB	Job
19. PSALMS	Ps
20. PROVERBS	Prov
21. ECCLESIASTES	Eccl
22. THE SONG OF SOLOMON	Song
23. ISAIAH	Isa
24. JEREMIAH	Jer
25. LAMENTATIONS	Lam
26. EZEKIEL	Ezek
27. DANIEL	Dan
28. HOSEA	Hos
29. JOEL	Joel
30. AMOS	Amos
31. OBADIAH	Obad
32. JONAH	Jon
33. MICAH	Mic
34. NAHUM	Nah

35. HABAKKUK	Hab
36. ZEPHANIAH	Zeph
37. HAGGAI	Hag
38. ZECHARIAH	Zech
39. MALACHI	Mal

NEW TESTAMENT

1. MATTHEW	Matt
2. MARK	Mark
3. LUKE	Luke
4. JOHN	John
5. ACTS	Acts
6. ROMANS	Rom
7. 1 CORINTHIANS	1 Cor
8. 2 CORINTHIANS	2 Cor
9. GALATIANS	Gal
10. EPHESIANS	Eph
11. PHILIPPIANS	Phil
12. COLOSSIANS	Col
13. 1 THESSALONIANS	1 Thes
14. 2 THESSALONIANS	2 Thes
15. 1 TIMOTHY	1 Tim
16. 2 TIMOTHY	2 Tim
17. TITUS	Titus
18. PHILEMON	Philem
19. HEBREWS	Heb
20. JAMES	James
21. 1 PETER	1 Pet
22. 2 PETER	2 Pet
23. 1 JOHN	1 John
24. 2 JOHN	2 John
25. 3 JOHN	3 John
26. JUDE	Jude
27. REVELATION	Rev

1. Seven Days of Creation

All things were created by God Almighty. He is the Creator of all things, under the earth, on the earth and in the heavens. Each day was a twenty-four-hour period. He prepared a place unique and special for His greatest creation Adam and Eve.

In the beginning God Created:

Day One Gen 1:1-5

- Spirit of God moved
- God created the heavens and the earth
- God called light, day and darkness, night *it was good*

Day Two Gen 1:6-8

- God created separation of the water
- God created the heavens
- God called the expanse heaven *it was good*

Day Three Gen 1:9-13

- God created land and sea
- God called dry land earth and the waters sea
- God created plants and trees to bear fruit *it was good*

Day Four Gen 1:14-19

- God created sun, moon and stars
- God create different lights
- God created days, seasons and years *it was good*

Day Five Gen 1:20-23

- God created creatures in the water; fish and water animals
- God created birds
- God called them to be fruitful
- God blessed them *it was good*

Day Six Gen 1:24-31

- A. - God created creatures on the land
- God created crawling things *it was good*

- B. - God created man (male and female)
- Made man in His likeness and image
- God blessed them *it was very good*

Day Seven Gen 2:2-3

- God rested from all His work which He had done
it was blessed and sanctified by God

2. Names of God: Jehovah LORD

Throughout the Old Testament God revealed to mankind His different character and nature so people would see the bigger picture of who He is and how He relates to His creation. What follows are nine of these unique titles and names.

1. THE LORD WILL PROVIDE (*Jehovah Jireh*)

*“Abraham called the name of that place **The LORD Will Provide** (*Jehovah Jireh*), as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it will be **provided**.”*

Genesis 22:14

The meaning of the word **provider** is, one who furnishes, supplies or gives to another as a means of subsistence. *Synonyms*: benefactor, donor, giver, source, supplier, breadwinner, earner, mainstay, supporter, and wage earner.

2. THE LORD WHO HEALS

*“... I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the **LORD**, am your **healer** (*Jehovah-Raphe*)”.*

Exodus 15:26

The meaning of the word **heal**: to restore to health, cure, to set right, repair. *Synonyms*: make well, mend, regenerate, restore, treat, alleviate, compose, harmonize, reconcile, settle, soothe.

3. THE LORD IS MY BANNER

*“Moses built an altar and named it, **The LORD My Banner**.” (*Jehovah-Nissi*)*

Exodus 17:15

There are two words that need to be explained here. One is the Word **banner**: a strip of cloth, either hung overhead or carried between poles, bearing a message or slogan; the flag of a nation, state, army or sovereign. *Synonyms*: banderol, burgee, colours, ensign, fanon, flag, pennant, pennon, standard, streamer. The second is the Word, **Flag**: a piece of cloth, which may have various colors and designs, used as a symbol, standard, signal, and especially as a national emblem. *Synonyms*: banderol, banner, colours, ensign, pennant, standard, streamer.

4. THE LORD SANCTIFIES

You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. You shall keep My statutes and practice them; I am the LORD who sanctifies (Jehovah-Mekaddesh) you.
Leviticus 20:7-8

The meaning of the word **sanctify**: to receive for sacred use; consecrate; to make holy; purify. *Synonyms*: consecrate, bless, hallow, make sacred, dedicate to God, purify, cleanse, free from sin, absolve, unburden.

5. THE LORD IS PEACE

*“When Gideon saw that he was the angel of the LORD, he said, “Alas, O Lord GOD! For now, I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face.” The LORD said to him, “Peace to you, do not fear; you shall not die.” Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and named it **The LORD is PEACE**. (Jehovah- Shalom)”*
Judges 6:22-24

The meaning of the word **peace**: an agreement or treaty to end hostilities; freedom from quarrels and disagreement; harmony. *Synonyms*: accord, agreement, amity, concord, harmony, armistice, conciliation, treaty, truce, calm, composure, contentment, relaxation, quiet, silence, stillness.

6. THE LORD OF HOSTS

*For thus says the LORD of hosts, Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land. I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory, says the **LORD of hosts** (Jehovah-Sabbaoth). The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine, declares the **LORD of hosts** (Jehovah-Sabbaoth). The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former, says the **LORD of host** (Jehovah-Sabbaoth). And in this place I will give peace, says the **LORD of host** (Jehovah-Sabbaoth).*

Haggai 2:6-9

There are two words that need to be explained here. One is the Word **LORD**: a ruler or master, a nobleman, a head of a household, a man of renowned power. *Synonyms*: commander, governor, leader, master, overlord, ruler, sovereign, earl, noble. The second is the word **Host**: a large number of people or things, an army. *Synonyms*: multitude, abundance, throng, army, gathering.

7. THE LORD IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

*“In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely; and this is His name by which He will be called, **“The LORD our righteousness”** (JEHOVAH TSIDKENU).*

Jeremiah 23:6

The meaning of the word **righteousness**: standard of what is right and just; moral rightness, virtuousness. *Synonyms*: blamelessness, faithfulness, goodness, honesty, honour, integrity, justice, purity, uprightness, virtue.

8. THE LORD IS OUR SHEPHERD

The LORD is my shepherd (JEHOVAH-ROHI), I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1

The meaning of the word **Shepherd**: herdsman; one who tends, feeds and guard's sheep; one charged with the religious care and guidance of others. *Synonyms*: caretaker, protector, guide.

9. THE LORD WHO IS THERE

“The city shall be 18,000 cubits round about; and the name of the city from that day shall be, “The LORD is there”

(JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH).

Ezekiel 48:35

The meaning of the word **Presence**: the fact or condition of being present, the state of being in one place and not elsewhere; the condition of being within sight or call, at hand. *Synonyms*: occupancy, residence, inhabitant, existing, being.

3. Founding Fathers of Israel

Abraham

Terah, the tenth in descent from Noah, begat **Abram (Luke 3:34)**. God changed his name from Abram to Abraham; called of God, father and seed of many nations, a mighty man of prayer, faith, obedience and courage. God made a covenant with him (Abrahamic Covenant), out of the line of Abraham would come the Christ (Matt 1:1, 2).

Birth: He was born and raised in Ur of Chaldees. Gen 11:27-29, Acts 7:2-4

Life:

- His call Gen 11:27-32
- Melchizedek Gen 14:1-24
- Promise of a son Gen 15:1-6
- Ceremony of circumcision Gen 17:9-14
- Sodom and Gamora Gen 18:1-20
- Isaac born when Abraham is 100 years old Gen 21:1-8
- Isaac offered to God Gen 22:1-19
- Bride is found for Isaac in Mesopotamia Gen 24:1-67
- Three covenants Gen 12:1-3; Gen 15:1-21; Gen 17:1-10

Death:

- Sarah dies at 127 years Gen 23:1
- Abraham dies at 175 years Gen 25:7

Isaac

The son that God had promised to Abraham and Sarah. Abraham was also called upon to offer up his son as a sacrifice of faith before the Lord. Isaac married Rebekah and had two sons, Jacob and Esau. Their descendants became the Israelites and the Edomites. Isaac lived to 180 years of age. He is seen as one of the foundational fathers of Israel. (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob)

Birth: Gen 16:1-6

Life:

- Offered up to God by his father Abraham Gen 22:1-19
- Wife came from Mesopotamia Gen 24:1-67
- Married Rebecca Gen 24:62-67
- Had twin sons Esau (oldest) and Jacob (youngest)
- Esau sells Birthright Gen 25:29-34

Death:

- Rebecca - not recorded - buried Gen 49:31
- Isaac Gen 35:29

Jacob / Israel

Son of Isaac and Rebekah, twin to Esau. He was a schemer, which often got him into trouble, but God blessed him and used him to give rise to a nation of people. God later changed his name to Israel. He was the father of twelve sons who later became the heads of the twelve tribes of Israel. Throughout Scripture, his name is almost always mentioned together with those of Abraham and Isaac.

Birth: Gen 25:26

Life:

- Jacob gets Isaac's blessing Gen 27:1-29
- vision of a ladder Gen 28:10
- service to Laban Gen 29:5-14
- marries Leah Gen 29:22-24
- marries Rachel Gen 29:28
- wrestles with God Gen 32:22-32
- God names him Israel Gen 32:28
- Jacob and Esau meet Gen 33:1-17
- Jacob's love for Joseph Gen 37:1-11
- Jacob has twelve sons Gen 46:6-27
- Jacob and family in Egypt Gen 46:1-6

Death:

- Rachel Gen 35:19
- Jacob Gen 49:33

4. Joseph

Through the account of Joseph, we can see God's divine purpose both for Joseph and his family. It also shows the continued fulfilling of the covenant promise that God made to Abraham, to build a people and nation. His life exemplifies the stand for righteousness and the importance of forgiveness, and that God is a God of reconciliation. Genesis means: beginning, origin, starting point, formation or birth. This is why so many chapters are dedicated to the life of Joseph to show how the nation of Israel was birthed and where its genealogical roots begin.

Overview

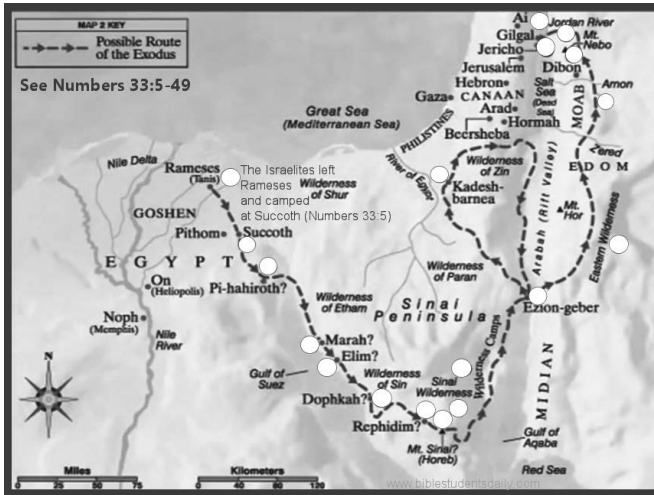
- **Joseph birth Gen 30:25**
- **Joseph dream Gen 37:1-11**
- **Joseph sold by brothers Gen 37:12-36**
- **Joseph a slave in Egypt Gen 39:1-23**
- **Prisoner's dream Gen 40:1-23**
- **Pharaoh's dream Gen 41:1-36**
- **Joseph rises to power Gen 41:37-57**
- **Joseph brothers go to Egypt Gen 42:1-24**
 - **Brothers first trip Gen 42:1-24**
 - **Brothers second trip Gen 43:1-34**
 - **Brothers and father third trip Gen 46:1-27**
- **Joseph and the cup Gen 44:1-34**
- **Joseph reveals himself to his brothers Gen 45:1**
- **Joseph father Jacob moved to Egypt & Goshen Gen 46:1-47:12**
- **Joseph and famine Gen 47:13-26**
- **Joseph sons blessed by Jacob Gen 48:1-22**
- **Joseph death Gen 50:22:26**
- **Joseph bones moved to promise land Ex 13:19 / Josh 24:32**

5. Exodus / Promise Land: Moses and Joshua

Exodus: Moses

- **Jacob family coming to Egypt** Gen 46:1-6
- **Israel suffering in Egypt** Ex 1:1-22
- **Moses birth and banishment** Ex 2:1-25
- **Call of Moses** Ex 3:1-22
- **Ten Plagues**
 1. Water to Blood Ex 7:14-24
 2. Frogs Ex 7:25 – 8:15
 3. Gnats and Lice Ex 8:16-19
 4. Flies Ex 8:20-32
 5. Pestilence of livestock Ex 9:1-7
 6. Boils Ex 9:8-12
 7. Hail and fire Ex 9:13-35
 8. Locusts Ex 10:1-20
 9. Darkness for three days Ex 10:21-29
 10. Death of the firstborn Ex 11:1-12:36
- **Passover Instituted** Ex 12:1 28
- **Crossing the Red Sea** Ex 14:1-31
- **Bitter water to sweet water** Ex 15:22-26
- **God sends manna** Ex 16:1-36
- **God sends quail** Ex 16:13
- **Ten Commandments** Ex 20:1-17
- **The Tabernacle** Ex 26:1 -27:21
- **High Priest** Ex 28:1-43
- **Golden Calf** Ex 32:1-35
- **New Tablets** Ex 34:1-9
- **Tabernacle built** Ex 36:8 – 40:33
- **Cloud and the Glory** Ex 40:34 -38
- **The Law – Book of Leviticus**
- **12 Spices** Num 13:1-14
- **Joshua and Caleb** Num 14:6, 24, 38
- **Moses death** Ex 34:1-8

Exodus Journey



Promise Land: Joshua

- Joshua as new leader Deut 31:1-8
- Moses lays hands on Joshua Deut 34:9
- God commission Joshua Jos 1:1-9
- Crossing the Jordan Josh 1:10-18
- Spies Josh 2:1-24
- Jordan River Josh 3:1-17
- Memorial stones Josh 4:24
- Circumcision Josh 5:1-12
- Commander of the LORDS army Josh 5:13-15
- Jericho Josh 6:1-27
- Defeat at Ai Josh 7:1-9
- Sin of Achan Joh 7:10-26
- Sun stands still Josh 10:1-15
- Conquest of the promise land Josh 10:16 - 13:7
- Dividing of the land Josh 13:8 – 22:34
- Joshua farewell Josh 23:1-16
- Joshua proclamation Josh 24:14-15
- Peoples solemn commitment Josh 24:16-28
- Joshua death Josh 24:29-30

6. Ten Commandments

God gave twice two tablets of stones that God had written ten commandments on that the new delivered people of Israel where to follow. They were given to all the people as a standard that they were to commit to all their lives and to be a guide to govern their nation by.

And God spake all these words, saying,

I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

5. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

6. Thou shalt not kill.

7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

8. Thou shalt not steal.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Exodus 20:1-17; Deut 5:6-21

7. Twelve Tribes of Israel

The twelve tribes of Israel were also sons of the patriarch Jacob. They came together as a family to Egypt during a severe famine and stay there in the land until Moses was called by God to lead them out of Egypt to the promise land.

“All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them: everyone according to his blessing he blessed them”. Genesis 49:28

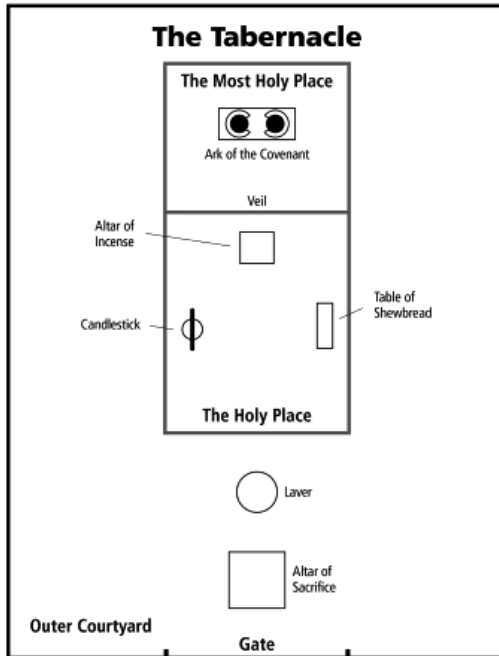
Name	Mother	Meaning	Stone	Gen
1. Reuben	Leah	see, a son 1	Emerald	29:32
2. Simeon	Leah	heard 2	Sapphire	29:33
*Levi	Leah	joined 3	none	29:34
3. Judah	Leah	praise 4	Sardius	29:35
4. Zebulun	Leah	honour 10	Carbuncle	30:20
5. Issachar	Leah	hire, reward 9	Topaz	30:18
6. Dan	Bilhah	he judged 5	Beryl	30:6
7. Gad	Zilpah	fortune 7	Diamond	30:11
8. Asher	Zilpah	happy 8	Onyx	30:13
9. Naphtali	Bilhah	wrestled 6	Jasper	30:8
*Joseph	Rachel	he adds 11	none	30:24
10. Benjamin	Rachel	son of the right hand		35:18
11. Manasseh	son of Joseph	making to forget or son of the south 12		41:51
12. Ephraim	son of Joseph	to be fruitful		41:52

- ❖ Names and colours vary between authors and historians.
- ❖ The 12 stones are woven into breastplate that the High priest wore before the Lord. (Ex 39:14)
- ❖ There also 12 gates around Jerusalem. (Rev 21:12)
- ❖ 12 thrown are talked about in the book of Matthew. (Matt 19:28)

8. Tabernacle

Exodus 25-27; 35:10 - 38:31

This was a tent-like structure that was used as the people of Israel moved about during their times of wandering following the exodus from Egypt; it was also used also in the promised land up until the temple was built by Solomon. The tabernacle was the centre of religious life for the Jewish people. The tabernacle had three main sections: the **Outer Court** featuring the brazen laver and brazen altar; the **Holy Place** where the golden altar of incense, table of showbread and golden lampstand were located; the **Holy of Holies** where the Ark of the Covenant was kept. The high priest could enter the Holy of Holies only once a year to make an offering for the people. (See Ex chapter 25-27) It can also mean the human body in which the Holy Spirit resides See 2 Corinthians 5:1, 2 Peter 1:13,14

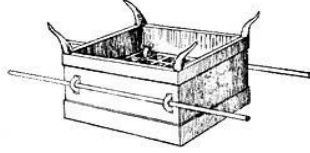




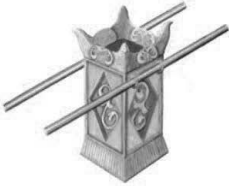
**The Ark of the Covenant
with the Mercy Seat**



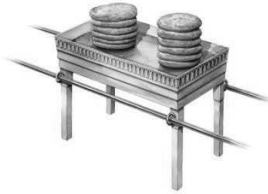
**The Golden Menora
or Lampstand**



**The Brazen Altar
of Burnt Offerings**



**ALTAR OF
INCENSE**



**TABLE OF
SHOWBREAD**



**BRONZE
LAYER**

9. Temple 1 Kings 6:1 to 8:11

A building devoted to worship. The first Hebrew temple was built in Jerusalem by Solomon. It was the centre of religious life for the Jewish people. The Temple had three main sections: the Outer Court featuring the brazen laver and brazen altar; the Holy Place where the golden altar of incense, table of showbread and golden lampstand were located; the Holy of Holies where the Ark of the Covenant was kept. The high priest could enter the Holy of Holies only once a year to make an offering for the people. (See Exodus chapter 25-27)

Holy of Holies:

The high priest could only go into the Holy of Holies only once a year, on the Day of Atonement, to sprinkle blood on the mercy seat. The Holy of Holies was a room that was 10 cubits by 10 cubits (15 ft by 15 ft), which was separated from the other rooms by a curtain or veil (Ex 26:33; Luke 23:45; Heb 9:3); the only furniture in the Holy of Holies was the Ark of the Covenant with the Mercy Seat; the room was also filled with the Shekinah Glory of God.

Holy Place:

Holy Place; the Tabernacle and the Temple was a room that measured 10 cubits wide by 20 cubits long (15 ft wide by 30 ft long); the outer court, the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies which was separated from each other by a curtain or veil; the Holy place had within it the Golden Altar of Incense, Table of Showbread and the Golden Lampstand (Menora); this room the Levites and priests could enter each day.

Outer Court:

The outer court surrounded the Holy of Holies and the Holy place. It was 50 cubits wide by 100 cubits long in size (75ft by 150 ft). There was two main pieces of furnishings in this area. One was the brazen altar and the other was brazen laver. This was where the sacrifices of the day would be prepared and offered unto God.

❖ *Cubit was the distance from the fingers to the elbow, around 18 inches long.*

Two Temples in Jerusalem

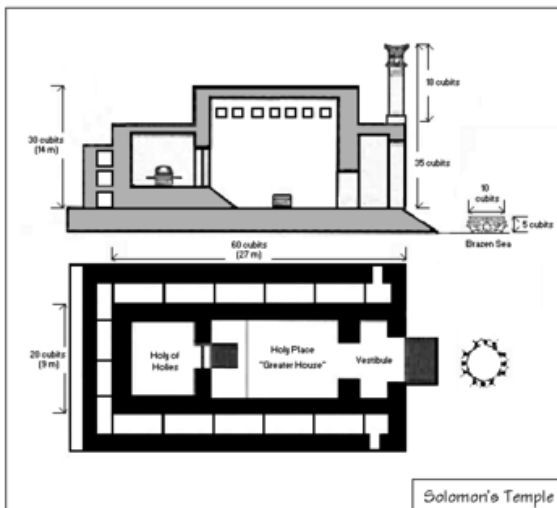
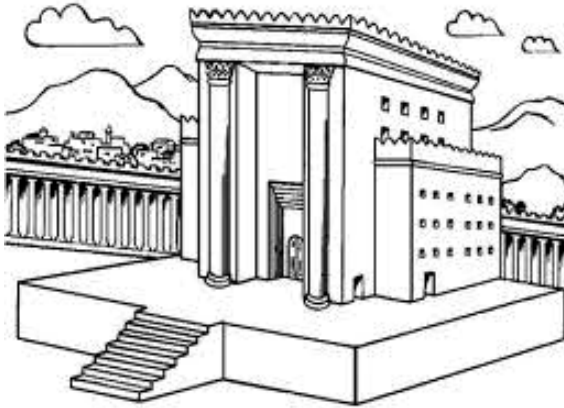
Solomon – built 1000 BCE

- destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BCE

Ezra – second temple 516 BCE to 70 AD –

Herod the Great – completely refurbish

- destroyed by the Romans in 70AD



10. High Priest Exodus 29:1-37

A priest was required to act as a mediator between God and the people. This person held the highest religious position in Israel; He was responsible for entering the Holy of Holies once a year, on the Day of Atonement, to sprinkle blood on the mercy seat. Aaron was the first to hold this office (Ex 28:1-4). (See Lev 16:11-17).

Tribe of Levi – he had to be born into this tribe and the men would be set apart for various levels of service.

Consecrated by God – both for the ministry of doing sacrifices on behalf of the people but also to be teachers of the people concerning God laws.

Garments of the High Priest Ex 28:1-30 (see picture)

Service: Enter Holy of Holies once a year on Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) to offer blood and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and incense. Lev 16:2-34

Selected and called of God: Hebrews 5:1-3

Jesus Christ High Priest: Jesus became our High Priest and sacrificial Lamb and His blood was shed so that we could become priests and enter into the Holy of Holies, where God's personal presence resides. We as disciples have become Christ's temples. Christ comes into our hearts to redeem us, and to be our advocate before the Heavenly Father. Heb 7:26; 10:21; 13:11



11. Judges

Judge	Scripture	Tribe	Oppression	Rest
1. Othniel	Judg 1:9-21; 3:1-11	Juda	8 years	40 years
2. Ehud	Judg 3:12-30	Benjamin	18 years	80 years
3. Shamgar	Judg 3:31-5:6			
4. Deborah	Judg 4:1- 5:31	Ephraim	20 years	40 years
5. Gideon	Judg 6:1-8; 32	Manasseh	6 years	40 years
6. Tola	Judg 10:1, 2	Issachar		23 years
7. Jair	Judg 10:3-5	Manasseh		22 years
8. Jephthah	Judg 10:6 -12:7	Manasseh	18 years	6 years
9. Ibzan	Judg 12:8-10	Judah		7 years
10. Elon	Judg 12:11, 12	Zebulun		10 years
11. Abdon	Jude 12:13-15	Ephraim		8 years
12. Samson	Judg 13:1-16:31	Dan	40 years	20 years



12. Psalm 23

A Psalm of David

¹ The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.

³ He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths
of righteousness for His name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of
my enemies; You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

Jesus our Great Shepherd

1. He makes (v2).

- I lie down in green pasture; a place of wonderful food. It is like a good loaf of bread to a person
- *He brings people into rest. This is what we are to do for the people we shepherd and look after.*

2. He leads (v2).

- I am drinking from clean water that is still and quiet.
- *He brings people refreshment and peace.*

3. He restores (v3).

- I have been set in the right direction.
- *He puts my feet on solid ground.*

4. He guides (v3).

- I follow a path of righteousness

- *He brings me into Christ's righteousness and into the truth of the Gospel.*
5. **He walks with me** (v4a).
- I am not left alone but he goes with me.
 - *He helps me to face and to walk through the physical, emotional and spiritual challenges of my life.*
6. **He comforts and protects** (v4b).
- I am comforted by His rod that fights for me and by the staff that guides me. He picks me up when I fall.
 - *He brings comfort from the rod (the Word of God) and from the staff (the presence of the Holy Spirit).*
7. **He prepares for me** (v5a).
- I am in a place to eat, a banquet. This place is before my enemies and they will see how God cares for His sheep.
 - *He feeds and cares for me and shows to my enemies the power and blessing God pours out on those who love Him.*
8. **He anoints my head with oil** (v5b).
- We are a guest of His household (sheepfold) and He inspects us for bugs and ailments and he uses his ointment (Holy Spirit) generously.
 - *He brings us into and under the anointing of God. We are His people and He will pour His Spirit upon us generously.*
9. **He blesses me always** (v6a).
- I shall receive God's goodness and love all the days of my life.
 - *He brings me into a place of understanding and experiencing God's love and goodness for His people.*
10. **He is with me always** (v6b).
- We will dwell together.
 - *He will bring us to a place of dwelling with the Lord Jesus Christ forever.*

13. Prophecies Concerning Jesus Christ

	Prophecies	Fulfilment
1.	Gen 3:15 Would be the 'Offspring of a Woman'	Gal 4:4
2.	Gen 12:3 Promised Offspring of Abraham	Matt 1:1
3.	Gen 17:19 Promised Offspring of Isaac	Luke 3:34
4.	Num 24:17 Promised Offspring of Jacob	Matt 1:2
5.	Gen 49:10 Will descend from the tribe of Judah	Luke 3:33
6.	Isa 9:7 The Heir to the throne of David	Luke 1:32-33
7.	Mic 5:2 Place of birth	Matt 2:6
8.	Dan 9:25 Time of birth	Luke 2:1-2
9.	Isa 7:14 Born of a virgin	Matt 1:18
10.	Jer 31:15 Slaughter of infants	Matt 2:16
11.	Hos 11:1 Escape into Egypt	Matt 2:14
12.	Isa 9:1-2 Ministry in Galilee	Matt 4:12-16
13.	Deut 18:15 As a Prophet	John 6:14
14.	Ps 110:4 As a Priest, Like Melchizedek	Heb 6:20
15.	Isa 53:3 His rejection by Jews	John 1:11
16.	Isa 11:2 Some of His characteristics	Luke 2:52
17.	Zech 9:9 His triumphal entry	John 12:13-14
18.	Ps 41:9 Betrayed by a friend	Luke 22:47-48
19.	Zech 11:12 Sold for thirty pieces of silver	Matt 26:15
20.	Zech 11:13 Money to be returned for a potter's field	Matt 27:7
21.	Ps 109:7-8 Judas's position to be taken by another	Acts 1:18-20
22.	Ps 27:12 False witnesses accuse Him	Matt 26:60-61
23.	Isa 53:7 Silent when accused	Matt 26:62-63
24.	Isa 50:6 Struck and spit on	Mark 14:65
25.	Ps 69:4 Hated without cause	John 15:23-25
26.	Isa 53:4-5 Suffered vicariously	Matt 8:16-17
27.	Isa 53:12 Crucified with sinners	Matt 27:38

28.	Ps 22:16	Hands and feet pierced	John 20:27
29.	Ps 22:6-8	Mocked and insulted	Matt 27:39-40
30.	Ps 69:21	Given gall and vinegar	John 19:29
31.	Ps 22:8	Hears prophetic words repeated in mockery	Matt 27:43
32.	Ps 109:4	He prays for His enemies	Luke 23:34
33.	Zech 12:10	His side to be pierced	John 19:34
34.	Ps 22:18	Soldiers cast lots for His clothes	Matt 27:35
35.	Ps 34:20	Not a bone to be broken	John 19:33
36.	Isa 53:9	To be buried with the rich	Matt 27:57-60
37.	Ps 68:18	His ascension	Luke 24:50-5

ISAIAH: PICTURE OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT

The Prophecy

The Fulfillment

1.	He will be exalted (52:13)	Phil 2:9
2.	He will be disfigured by suffering (52:14; 53: 2)	Mark 15:17, 19
3.	He will be widely rejected (53:1, 3)	John 12:37, 38
4.	He will bear our sins and sorrows (53:4)	Rom 4:25; 1Pet 2:24, 25
5.	He will make a blood atonement (53:5)	Rom 3:25; 5:6, 8
6.	He will be our substitute (53:6, 8)	2 Cor 5:21
7.	He will voluntarily accept our guilt and punishment (53:7)	John 10:11
8.	He will be buried in a rich man's tomb (53:9)	John 19:38-42
9.	He will justify many from their sin (53:10, 11)	Acts 13:38-39; Rom 5:15-19
10.	He will die with transgressors (53:12)	Mark 15:27, 28; Luke 22:37

14. Genealogies

Matthew Genealogy Matt 1:1-16

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

² Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. ³ Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. ⁴ Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. ⁵ Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her *who had been the wife of* Uriah. ⁷ Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. ⁸ Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. ⁹ Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. ¹⁰ Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. ¹¹ Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. ¹² And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. ¹³ Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. ¹⁴ Azor begot

Luke Genealogy Luke 3:23-38

²³ Now Jesus Himself began *His ministry at* about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) *the son of* Joseph, *the son of* Heli, ²⁴ *the son of* Matthat, *the son of* Levi, *the son of* Melchi, *the son of* Janna, *the son of* Joseph, ²⁵ *the son of* Mattathiah, *the son of* Amos, *the son of* Nahum, *the son of* Esli, *the son of* Naggai, ²⁶ *the son of* Maath, *the son of* Mattathiah, *the son of* Semei, *the son of* Joseph, *the son of* Judah, ²⁷ *the son of* Joannas, *the son of* Rhesa, *the son of* Zerubbabel, *the son of* Shealtiel, *the son of* Neri, ²⁸ *the son of* Melchi, *the son of* Addi, *the son of* Cosam, *the son of* Elmodam, *the son of* Er, ²⁹ *the son of* Jose, *the son of* Eliezer, *the son of* Jorim, *the son of* Matthat, *the son of* Levi, ³⁰ *the son of* Simeon, *the son of* Judah, *the son of* Joseph, *the son of* Jonan, *the son of* Eliakim, ³¹ *the son of* Melea, *the son of* Menan, *the son of* Mattathah, *the son of* Nathan, *the son of* David, ³² *the son of* Jesse, *the son of* Obed, *the son of* Boaz, *the son of* Salmon, *the son of* Nahshon, ³³ *the son of* Amminadab, *the son of* Ram, *the son of* Hezron, *the son of* Perez, *the son of* Judah, ³⁴ *the son of* Jacob, *the son of* Isaac, *the son of* Abraham, *the son of* Terah, *the son of* Nahor, ³⁵ *the son of* Serug, *the son of* Reu, *the*

Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. ¹⁵Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. ¹⁶And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. NKJB

son of Peleg, *the son of Eber, the son of Shelah,* ³⁶*the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,* ³⁷*the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan,* ³⁸*the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.* NKJB

Matthew 1:17 *“So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations”.*

15. Gospel / Good News of Jesus Christ

Good news of Jesus Christ; also a title given to the first four books of the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John); Christ's coming to earth is made up of ten powerful realities: Living Word, His virgin birth, His earthly life, His death, resurrection, ascension, the sending of His Holy Spirit, birth of the church, His second coming and the kingdom of heaven.

- 1) **Living Word**
 - Creator and Messiah
 - Light into darkness
 - Living Word became flesh
- 2) **Birth**
 - spiritual conception
 - virgin birth
- 3) **Life**
 - teaching ministry concerning the Heavenly Father
 - teaching ministry concerning the Kingdom of Heaven
 - fulfilling of the Old Covenant and giving a New Covenant
- 4) **Death**
 - Jesus our High Priest
 - sacrificial Lamb
 - shedding of His blood
 - the tearing of the Veil in the Temple
- 5) **Resurrection**
 - victory over sin and death
 - resurrection power of life
- 6) **Ascension**
 - seated at the right hand of the Father
 - preparing a place for us
 - interceding on our behalf
- 7) **Holy Spirit**
 - filling and empowering of the disciples
 - comforting, teaching and equipping the disciples
- 8) **Church**
 - body and bride of Christ
 - centre for missions, evangelism and discipleship equipping

9) Second Coming

- returning as King of kings and Lord of lords
- setting up of the new Kingdom of God

10) Heaven

- new heaven and earth
- no more suffering or pain / new bodies and clothing
- Marriage Supper of the Lamb

16. Twelve Disciples' Names

Matt 10:1-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16

And when He had called unto him His twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

The names of the twelve apostles are:

1. **Simon Peter** (brother of Andrew) - he was active in bringing people to Jesus - Bible writer.
2. **James** (Son of Zebedee and older brother of John) also called "James the Greater" - Bible writer.
3. **John** (Son of Zedebee and brother of James) - Bible writer
4. **Andrew** (brother of Simon Peter) - He was active in bringing people to Jesus.
5. **Philip** of Bethsaida.
6. **Thomas** (Didymus).
7. **Bartholomew** (Nathanael) - He was one of the disciples to whom Jesus appeared at the Sea of Tiberias after His resurrection. He was also a witness of the Ascension.
8. **Matthew** (Levi) of Capernaum.
9. **James** (son of Alphaeus) also called "James the lesser".
10. **Simon** the Zealot (the Canaanite).

11. Thaddaeus-Judas (Lebbaeus), brother of James the lesser and brother of Matthew (Levi) of Capernaum.

12. Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Jesus.

❖ After Judas Iscariot committed suicide he was replace by Matthias, Acts 1:15-26.

17. Disciples' Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy Name.
 Thy Kingdom come.
 Thy will be done on earth,
 As it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 As we forgive them that trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom,
 The power, and the glory,
 Forever and ever.
 Amen.

Matt 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

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| 1) Our Father | verse | 9 |
| 2) Our Father's Kingdom | verse | 10,13 |
| 3) Our Father's Will | verse | 10 |
| 4) Our Father's Bread | verse | 11 |
| 5) Our Father's Forgiveness | verse | 12 |
| 6) Our Father's Leading | verse | 13 |
| 7) Our Father Delivers | verse | 13 |
| 8) Our Father in Power & Glory | verse | 13 |

Disciple's Prayer Wheel



18. Disciples' Baptism

Command – Repent and be baptized Acts 2:38

In Matthew 3:13-17 we have the account of the baptism of our Lord Jesus. Matthew explains to us that one day Christ came to John the Baptist seeking to be baptized by him. When Jesus was baptized the Spirit descends upon him from heaven.

The word baptism is a translation of the Greek word which means to immerse or put under.

Paul teaches how baptism shows that we have died to our old life and are buried with Christ, and that through Christ Jesus comes a new life that only He can give. This is what is stated in Romans 6:1-4, “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase? May it never be. How shall we who died to sin still live in it? Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore, we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life”.

We need to be obedient to Jesus' command to be baptized. This command is found in Matthew 28:19, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”

The person must first confess his sin and asked Jesus to come into his life as Lord and Saviour and then go out and be baptized. Baptism is a testimony of a commitment that we have made to Jesus Christ - to die to self and to live for Christ.

WHAT DOES BAPTISM MEAN?

There are three levels of meaning:

A. What the act involves:

- First: it is giving a testimony of what and how Christ came into your heart as Lord and Saviour.

- Secondly: it is being immersed completely in water, the whole person will be totally covered over by water.

B. What the act symbolizes:

- It indicates the acceptance of “the Teacher” and His message as well as a decision to have fellowship with other disciples of Jesus Christ.
- It shows a dying to self, a burial and then becoming alive and new in Christ Jesus.
- Matthew 3:8, 13, Matthew 28:19, John 3:22, John 4:1-4, Romans 6:3-6

C. What the expression means even apart from water:

- The word “baptism” means “disciple-identification” and “fellowship”.
- 1 Cor. 10:1, 2, 1 Peter 2:20-21

WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

1. Because Jesus was. Matt. 3:13-17
2. Because Jesus preached it. Matt. 28:19, Mark 16:16
3. Because the Apostles preached it. Acts 2:38
4. Because the Apostles practiced it. Acts 8:36-38, Acts 16:33, Acts 19:5
5. Because I want to be an obedient follower of Jesus and His Word.

WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

1. Upon Real Conversion

- Conversion consists of:
- a) repentance - Acts 2:38
 - b) believing - Mark 16:16
 - c) confession - Romans 10:9-10

2. Upon desiring to be obedient to Christ’s call as a disciple.

- Being a doer not just a hearer. James 1:22-25
- To fulfil His will through my life here on earth, Acts 22:14-16; Rom 12:2
- Eph 6:6-7; 1 John 5:14

3. Upon the desire to let my life be a testimony of His love and grace.

- I die and now I live because of Him who indwells me. Rom 12:1; Gal 2:20

- 2 Timothy 2:11

Every disciple must fulfill the call and command of God to be baptized.

19. Disciples' Communion

Command – to do until He comes again 1 Cor 11:26

This was the time of Passover (Matthew 26:17; Exodus 12:1-30) when Christ instituted what has become known as the Lord's Supper or Love Feast for His disciples. It was a time to reflect back and remember what Christ personally did for us through His death on the cross and through His resurrection. It was a time when Christ would become the sacrificial lamb and shed His blood through death so that we could have life. Communion is to bring us to the place of giving thanks and praise for what God has done and is still doing.

Communion Scriptures: Matthew 26:17-20, 26-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-23; I Corinthians 11:23-34

Communion Example: Acts 2:42 Started at the birthing of the church.

Communion Purpose:

1. To commune with Christ and with each other, to remember and reflect on what Christ has done for us.
2. To communicate, to take time to speak and testify both to God and to each other, a time to build up the body of Christ.
3. To companionship, to the coming together as a family to have fellowship with Christ and with each other.
4. To confess to God and to each other our sins so that we may be delivered from bondage and healed. Sin separates, but confession brings us back into union with Christ and His body.
5. To commitment, remembering how Christ is standing in the gap and interceding on our behalf before the Father. To be reminded that He is our personal Lord and Saviour and that we are committed to doing His will in our lives.
6. To covenant, a new agreement, moving us from the old to a new covenant of grace and righteousness, a place where we are clothed and filled with His grace and mercy. A new covenant requires us to love God and love our neighbour as ourselves

Communion elements:

- Bread**
- Represents His broken body
 - Unleavened ... pure and without sin
 - To be given out to others
- Wine**
- Represents His shed blood
 - A new covenant or agreement that we have made with each other

Communion is to remind us and to draw us back to our commitment of a personal relationship with Him, to draw us closer to Him in fellowship and understanding, so that we can fulfill His perfect will for our lives.

20. Disciples' Great Commission

Command - to go and make disciples Matthew 28:19

The disciple has been called by Christ Jesus to go out in obedience to fulfill one of His last commands that was made here on earth to those who serve Him as their Lord and Saviour. We are to be a testimony and light to a lost world, not through our own power and strength, but through the power and strength that comes by being filled with the Holy Spirit. The disciple is to be a testimony of the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are to be his hands and feet, but most of all we are to be His testimony to our neighbours, cities, and countries; some will go out to the uttermost parts of the earth. We are commanded to do this because it is part of His divine will for our personal lives.

In all four books of the Gospel, plus the book of Acts the disciples are called and commanded to go out, to bear fruit that will bring glory to His Name.

- a. Matthew 28:16-20
 - all authority has been given v. 18
 - we must go to all nations to make disciples v.19
 - baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
 - teaching them to observe all things
 - we are all to observe and be taught according to God's commands v.20
 - Jesus will always be with us, to the end of the ages

- b. Mark 16:14-18
 - needed faith in Christ v.14
 - needed a soft heart in Christ v.14
 - needed to believe in Christ v.14
 - needed to go out in Christ v.15
 - needed to preach the Gospel of Christ v.15
 - needed to be faithful in baptism as a testimony for Christ v.16

- needed to get out and deliver, heal and set the captive free through Christ v.17-18

c. Luke 24:44-49

- the word spoken and taught v.44
- the word was opened up to their minds v.45
- the word is fulfilled and completed in Christ v.46
- the word is to be proclaimed by the followers, to all nations v.47
- the word challenges us to repent so that we can have the remission of sins v.47
- the word is witnessed to the lost v.48
- the word will clothe and empower v.49

d. John 20:19-23

- peace be with us v.19
- Jesus sends us v.21
- Holy Spirit empowers us v.22
- minister forgiveness in Jesus' name v.23

e. Acts 1:7-8

- we will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you V.8
- we will be His witnesses v.8
- we are to go to the uttermost parts of the world v.8

It is time to go out and personally begin to fulfill Christ's Great Commission as His disciples. Remember, He will empower us for service so that no matter what comes our way, we will be able to stand strong in His wisdom, strength and ability.

21. Beatitudes (Matt 5:3-10)

Matt 5:3-11 list the beatitudes, ways of thinking, teaching of Jesus, proper attitudes for living. A short statement communicating God's approval and blessing on how we should deal with things in our Christian walk. These verses tend to start off with the word "blessed". There are more Beatitudes found in Luke 6:20-22; Rev 1:3; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7; 22:14 plus several other places throughout the New Testament.

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| 1) Poor in spirit (5:3) | for theirs is the kingdom of heaven Is 57:15 |
| 2) Mourning (5:4) | shall be comforted Is 61:1, 2 |
| 3) Meekness (5:5) | shall inherit the earth Ps 37:5-11 |
| 4) Righteousness (5:6) | shall be filled Is 11:4-5; 42:1-4 |
| 5) Mercy (5:7) | shall obtain mercy Ps 41:1 |
| 6) Pure in heart (5:8) | shall see God Ps 24:3, 4 |
| 7) Peacemaker (5:9) | shall be called children of God Is 57:18,19 |
| 8) Persecuted (5:10) | shall have the kingdom of heaven Is 52:13 |

22. I Am's of Jesus

“To be” or “truly I am” (strong statement); self-title that God the Father and God the Son used to proclaim who He was, linking Himself explicitly as God in Exodus 3:14.

I AM WHO I AM

Exodus 3:14

“I AM has sent me to You.”

Exodus 3:14

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| 1) I AM the bread of Life
John 6:35 | <i>He feeds the hungry heart.</i> |
| 2) I AM the Light of the World
John 8:12 | <i>He lights our pathway.</i> |
| 3) I AM the Gate
John 10:9 | <i>He guards and protects us.</i> |
| 4) I AM the Good Shepherd
John 10:11 | <i>He nurtures us.</i> |
| 5) I AM the Resurrection and the Life
John 11:25 | <i>He empowers us for life.</i> |
| 6) I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life
John 14:6 | <i>He directs and gives understanding for our everyday walk.</i> |
| 7) I AM the True Vine
John 15:1 | <i>He makes us a part of Himself.</i> |

“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered “before Abraham was born, I AM”

John 8:58

- ❖ In the book of Revelation, we have another time where “I Am” is used.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. Rev 1:8

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last. Rev 1:11.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End Rev 21:6

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, and First and the Last Rev 22:13

23. Ministry of Jesus

Synoptic Gospels:

- Jesus baptized (Jordan River): Matt 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:29-34
- Jesus tempted by Satan (desert): Matt 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13
- Jesus calls four fishermen (Sea of Galilee): Matt 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11
- Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law (Capernaum): Matt 8:14-15; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38-39
- Jesus begins preaching in Galilee (Galilee): Matt 4:23-25; Mark 1:35-39; Luke 4:42-44
- Jesus calls Matthew (Capernaum): Matt 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32
- Jesus chooses twelve disciples (Galilee): Matt 10:2-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-15
- Jesus tells Kingdom parables (Galilee): Matt 13:1-52; Mark 4:1-34; Luke 8:4-18
- Jesus quiets the storm (Sea of Galilee): Matt 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25
- Jairus's daughter raised to life (Capernaum): Matt 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-23; Luke 8:40-56
- Jesus sends out the twelve (Galilee): Matt 9:35-11:1; Mark 6:6-13; Luke 9:1-6
- Jesus feeds the 5,000 (Bethsaida): Matt 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-14
- Jesus walks on water (Sea of Galilee): Matt 14:22-32; Mark 6:47-52; John 6:16-21
- Peter confesses Jesus as the Son of God (Caesarea Philippi): Matt 16:13-20; Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-21
- Jesus predicts his death (Caesarea Philippi): Matt 16:21-26; Mark 8:31-33; Luke 9:22-25
- Jesus is transfigured (Mount Hermon): Matt 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36
- Jesus blesses the little children (Transjordan): Matt 19:13-15;

Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17

- Jesus talks to the rich young ruler (Transjordan): Matt 19:16-30; Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30
- Jesus again predicts his death (near the Jordan): Matt 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-34
- Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus (Jericho): Matt 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18 35-43

Matthew:

- Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount (Galilee): Matt 5:1-7:29
- John the Baptist killed by Herod: Matt 14:1-12
- Jesus feeds the 4,000 (Sea of Galilee): Matt 15:32-39
- Jesus pays his temple taxes (Capernaum): Matt 17:24-27

Mark:

- John the Baptist killed by Herod: Mark 6:14-29
- Jesus feeds the 4,000 (Sea of Galilee): Mark 8:1-9

Luke:

- Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount (Galilee): Luke 6:20-49
- A sinful woman anoints Jesus (Capernaum): Luke 7:36-50
- Jesus travels again through Galilee (Galilee): Luke 8:1-3
- Jesus visits Mary and Martha (Bethany): Luke 10:38-42
- Jesus begins his last trip to Jerusalem (Border Road): Luke 17:11
- Jesus talks to Zacchaeus (Jericho): Luke 19:1-10

John:

- Jesus' first miracle (Cana): John 2:1-11
- Jesus and Nicodemus (Judea): John 3:1-21
- Jesus talks to a Samaritan woman (Samaria): John 4:5-42
- Jesus heals a nobleman's son (Cana): John 4:46-54
- Jesus attends the Feast of Tabernacles (Jerusalem): John 7:10-53
- Jesus heals a man born blind (Jerusalem): John 9:1-41
- Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (Bethany): John 11:1-44
- Jesus visits Mary and Martha again (Bethany): John 12:1-11
- Jesus' High Priestly prayer (Jerusalem): John 17:1-12

24. Teaching of Jesus

Matthew:

- Sermon on the Mount: Matt 5-7
- Beatitudes: Matt 5:1-12
- Lord's Prayer: Matt 6:5-15
- Anxiety and Worry: Matt 6:25-34
- Judging: Matt 7:1-6
- Tree and Fruit: Matt 7:15
- Sending out the Twelve: Matt 10
- Cost of Discipleship: Matt 16:24-28
- Discipline and prayer: Matt 18:15-20
- Divorce: Matt 19:3-12
- Wealth: Matt 19:16-30
- Greatest Commandment: Matt 22:34-40
- Scribes and Pharisees: Matt 23:13-36
- Lord's Supper: Matt 26:26-30
- Great Commission: Matt 28:19-20

Mark:

- Divorce: Mark 10:1-12
- Rich young ruler: Mark 10:17-31
- Give to Caesar: Mark 12:13-17
- Christ's Return: Mark 13:24-27
- Disciples' Commission: Mark 16:14-18

Luke:

- Lord of the Sabbath: Luke 6:1-5
- Golden Rule: Luke 6:31
- Seventy Disciples: Luke 10:1-16
- Worry: Luke 12:22-34
- Call to Repentance: Luke 13:1-5
- Discipleship: Luke 14:25-35
- Second Coming of Christ: Luke 17:22-37

John:

- Word of Life: John 1:1-4
- Born Again: John 3:1-21
- Living Water: John 4:1-26
- Scripture and Moses: John 5:39-47
- Bread of Life: John 6:25-59
- Light of the World: John 8:12-20
- Son of Man: John 8:21-30
- Truth and Freedom: John 8:31-47
- Good Shepherd: John 10:1-18
- Resurrection and Life: John 11:1-46
- Jesus and the Disciples: John 14:1-6
- The way and the truth and the life: John 14:5-14
- Jesus and the Father: John 14:7-15
- Jesus and the Holy Spirit: John 14:16-31
- Vine and Branches: John 15:1-17
- Disciples and the World: John 15:18-26
- Prayer: John 16:23-28
- Time: John 21:18-23

25. Miracles of Jesus

Synoptic Gospels:

- Man with leprosy: Matt 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-44; Luke 5:12-14
- Peter's mother-in-law: Matt 8:14-15; Mark 1:30-31; Luke 4:38-39
- Calming the storm: Matt 8:23-27; Mark 4:37-41; Luke 8:22-25
- Two men possessed with devils: Matt 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-15; Luke 8:27-39
- Man with palsy: Matt 9:2-7; Mark 2:3-12; Luke 5:18-26
- Jairus's daughter: Matt 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56
- Woman with bleeding: Matt 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48
- Man with a withered hand: Matt 12:10-13; Mark 3:1-5; Luke 6:6-11
- Feeding of 5,000: Matt 14:14-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-14
- Walking on water: Matt 14:22-32; Mark 6:47-52; John 6:16-21
- Boy with devil: Matt 17:14-21; Mark 9:17-29; Luke 9:38-43
- Two blind men (including Bartimaeus): Matt 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43

Matthew:

- Roman centurion's servant: Matt 8:5-13
- Two blind men: Matt 9:27-31
- Dumb, devil possessed man: Matt 9:32-33
- Blind, dumb, devil possessed man: Matt 12:22-23
- Canaanite woman's daughter: Matt 15:21-28
- Feeding of 4,000: Matt 15:32-39
- Fish with coin: Matt 17:24-27
- Fig tree withers: Matt 21:18-22

Mark:

- Devil possessed man in synagogue: Mark 1:21-28
- Canaanite woman's daughter: Mark 7:24-30
- Blind man at Bethsaida: Mark 8:22-26
- Feeding of 4,000: Mark 8:1-9
- Fig tree withers: Mark 11:12-14, 20-25

Luke:

- Devil possessed man in synagogue: Luke 4:31-37
- Huge catch of fish: Luke 5:4-11
- Roman centurion's servant: Luke 7:1-10
- Widow at Nain's son: Luke 7:11-17
- Blind, dumb, devil possessed man: Luke 11:14
- Crippled woman: Luke 13:10-17
- Man with dropsy: Luke 14:1-4
- Ten men with leprosy: Luke 17:11-19
- The high priest's servant: Luke 22:50-51

John:

- Water into wine: John 2:1-11
- Nobleman's son at Capernaum: John 4:46-54
- Sick man at the pool of Bethesda: John 5:1-15
- Man born blind: John 9:1-14
- Lazarus: John 11:1-44
- Huge catch of fish: John 21:1-11

26. Parables of Jesus

Synoptic Gospels:

- Lamp under a bushel: Matt 5:14-16; Mark 4:21-22; Luke 11:33-36
- New cloth on an old garment: Matt 9:16; Mark 2:21; Luke 5:36
- New wine in old wineskins: Matt 9:17; Mark 2:22; Luke 5:37-39
- Sower: Matt 13:3-8,18-23; Mark 4:3-8,14-20; Luke 8:5-8,11-15
- Mustard seed: Matt 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-19
- Husbandmen: Matt 21:33-40; Mark 12:1-11; Luke 20:9-18
- Fig tree: Matt 24:32-35; Mark 13:28-31; Luke 21:29-33

Matthew:

- Wise and foolish builders: Matt 7:24-27
- Leaven: Matt 13:33
- Tares and wheat: Matt 13:24-30, 36-43
- Hidden treasure and pearl: Matt 13:44-46
- Fishing net: Matt 13:47-50
- Owner of a house: Matt 13:52
- Lost sheep: Matt 18:12-14
- Unmerciful servant: Matt 18:23-35
- Laborers in the vineyard: Matt 20:1-16
- Two sons: Matt 21:28-32
- Wedding banquet: Matt 22:2-14
- Faithful and wise servant: Matt 24:45-51
- Ten virgins: Matt 25:1-13
- Talents: Matt 25:14-30
- Sheep and goats: Matt 25:31-46

Mark:

- Growing seed: Mark 4:26-29
- Watchful servants: Mark 13:34-37

Luke:

- Wise and foolish builders: Luke 6:47-49
- Canceled debts: Luke 7:41-43

- Good Samaritan: Luke 10:30-37
- Persistent friend: Luke 11:5-8
- Rich fool: Luke 12:16-21
- Watchful servants: Luke 12:35-40
- Faithful and wise servant: Luke 12:42-48
- Unfruitful fig tree: Luke 13:6-9
- Leaven: Luke 13:20-21
- Honor at a banquet: Luke 14:7-14
- Great banquet: Luke 14:16-24
- Cost of discipleship: Luke 14:28-33
- Lost sheep: Luke 15:4-7
- Lost coin: Luke 15:8-10
- Prodigal (lost) son: Luke 15:11-32
- Shrewd steward: Luke 16:1-8
- Rich man and Lazarus: Luke 16:19-31
- Obedient servants: Luke 17:7-10
- Persistent widow: Luke 18:2-8
- Pharisee and the publican: Luke 18:10-14
- Ten pounds: Luke 19:12-27

John:

- Good Shepherd: John 10:1-18

**Parables are often an earthly truth with a heavenly meaning.*

27. Discipleship Empowerment: Life in the Spirit

Understanding of who the Holy Spirit is and what He does will determine what kind of disciples we are for Christ. Therefore, a disciple needs to understand how the individual needs to give over total control of his life to the Holy Spirit and how the church needs to be filled by the Holy Spirit for the work of service. The Holy Spirit abides with us and we need to yield to Him. This is a daily personal commitment and act of our wills.

The Holy Spirit has been sent by the Father to empower and minister to the disciple of Christ and together as a church a body of believers. He is the one who always keeps us in fellowship and relationship with the triune God. He is the third part of the Godhead, the One who indwells and empowers the believer for service. The Scripture above shows for us the personal relationship that we can have with God through the Holy Spirit. The Scriptures remind us that we are not to walk in our power but in the power and strength of God Almighty.

What follows are some key names that the Scriptures use to identify the third party of the trinity known as the Holy Spirit:

God – Spirit of God, “My Spirit”

Genesis 1:1; Matthew 3:16; John 1:32

Helper, Comforter, Advocate, Counsellor

John 14:16; John 14:25; John 15:26; John 16:7

Spirit of Truth

John 14:17; John 15:26; John 16:12

Holy Spirit

Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:5, 8; Romans 1:4; Ephesians 1:13-14

Other names of the Holy Spirit:

Paraclete or comforter

- to call to one's aid
- to minister to us, to care for us, to develop us, to lead us and even bail us out when we are in trouble.
- Also means advocate, or one whom we call to our aid to plead our cause

Scripture: John 14 :26; 15:26, Eph. 3:16, Rom. 8:26

Wind or breath

- passed over the earth in the days of creation.
- like a rushing mighty wind on the day of Pentecost
- separates the wheat from the chaff
- fans the dying coal into a blaze again
- purifies as it blows away debris
- can move things. Clouds, ships
- can refresh and cool
- can come from any direction

Scripture: Gen. 8:1, Ezekiel 37:9, Acts 2:2

Fire

- consumes and purifies
- brings warmth and comfort
- provides light in dark places
- spreads over to other locations
- burns up the sacrifice
- can protect and ward off enemies

Scripture: Genesis 3:24, Romans 12:1, Acts 2:2

Dove

- came upon Christ during His baptism
- Represented a sacrifice
- Clean and gentle
- a picture of peace
- a picture of hope

Scripture: Matthew 3:16, John 1:32,33

Rain, cloud and dew

- brings refreshing
- breaks up or softens hard ground
- gives life to the seed
- purifies and cools
- covers over
- forms into rivers and lakes

Scripture: Psalm 72:6, Hosea 14:5

Seal

- denotes ownership and responsibility
- guarantees security
- authenticates
- confirms
- establishes
- ratifies or validates

Scripture: Ephesians 1:13; 4:30, II Corinthians 1:22

River

- brings life to a dry land
- can flow out of one's heart
- gathering place for refreshing
- can be used for washing
- used for baptism

Scripture: John 7:38

Oil

- used for light
- used for cooking
- used for anointing
- used for lubricating
- used as a food to nourish and sustain

Scripture: Exodus 30:30, Matthew 25, II Cor.1:21, James 5:14

Water

- refreshes
- sustains lives
- cleans and purifies

Scripture: (Ezekiel 36:25-27; John 3:5; 4:14;7;38-39).

Functions of the Holy Spirit:

inspiring He is the inspiring **One** who gives to the disciple words of encouragement and hope for our daily walk. *Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16*

enlightening He is the enlightening **One** who gives to the disciple wisdom and understand so that we can have a light for our path as we walk together with Christ here on earth. *Scripture: John 9:25*

drawing He is the drawing **One** who gives to the disciple a call to a personal relationship with God, to those who believe and follow the Son of God. *Scripture: John 6:44-45*

convicting He is the convicting **One** who gives to the disciple a way of escape from our sins and helps us to walk a spirit clean walk for the Lord. *Scripture: John 16:8*

regenerating He is the regenerating **One** who gives to the disciple a way in which one can become a new creation in Jesus Christ. *Scripture: John 1:12-13*

sealing He is the sealing **One** who gives to the disciple a cover and a mark that shows to all that we belong to Christ. *Scripture: Ephesians 1:13*

witnessing He is the witnessing **One** who gives to the disciple a testimony to who the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are. *Scripture: Romans 8:16*

- assuring** He is the assuring **One** who gives to the disciple faith and comfort and guarantees that we will go to heaven. *Scripture: Romans 8:15*
- indwelling** He is the indwelling **One** who gives to the disciple a fullness and strength to be a servant for Jesus Christ. *Scripture: Ezekiel 36:27; 1 Corinthians 6:19*
- mortifying** He is the mortifying **One** who gives to the disciple the ability to humble himself to the place of making Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Scripture: Romans 8:13*
- uniting** He is the uniting **One** who gives to the disciple a place to be in unity and harmony both with Christ and within His body the Church. *Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:17*
- transforming** He is the transforming **One** who gives to the disciple the ability to undergo a metamorphosis, moving us out of the old and into a new way of living. *Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:18*
- guiding** He is the guiding **One** who gives to the disciple direction and truth on how to walk for Jesus Christ. *Scripture: Romans 8:14*
- teaching** He is the teaching **One** who gives to the disciple understanding and truth; one who instructs us through the Word of God. *Scripture: Nehemiah 9:20; John 14:26*
- interceding** He is the interceding **One** who gives to the disciple a connection and bridge into the very presence of the Father. *Scripture: Romans 8:26-27; Ephesians 6:18*
- sanctifying** He is the sanctifying **One** who gives to the disciple the cleansing of Christ's righteousness, covering us from head to toe and making us a new creation in Christ. *Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14*

28. Fruit of the Spirit

For the disciple of Christ, the Fruit of the Spirit should be visibly evident in one's life. It should be the foundation stone for every disciple in order to be used effectively in the body of Christ.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law”. Galatians 5:22-23

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1) love | |
| 2) joy | God first |
| 3) peace | |
| 4) longsuffering | |
| 5) kindness | Others second |
| 6) goodness | |
| 7) faithfulness | |
| 8) gentleness (meekness) | Self last |
| 9) self-control | |

List of Scripture

Love: Luke 10:25-27; 1 Cor 13; 1 John 3:10, 11, 18, 19

Joy: John 15:11; 16:24

Peace: Is 26:3; John 14:27

Patience: Rom 5:3-4; 2 Cor 6:6

Kindness: 1 Cor 13:4; 2 Cor 6:6; Col 3:12

Goodness: Eph 5:9

Faithfulness: 1 Cor 4:2

Gentleness: Gal 6:1; 1 Tim 6:11; Titus 3:2; 1 Pet 3:15

Self-control: Acts 24:25; 2 Pet 1:6

29. Gifts of the Spirit

As disciples, we are to request of God to give to us the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we will have a purpose and ministry within Christ's Body, the church. Gifts are given according to God's will and purpose for our lives. They are given to equip us so that we can do works of service, and so that we can be a light for Christ to a lost world.

Speaking Gifts:

Word of Wisdom	I Cor 12
Word of Knowledge	I Cor 12
Prophecy, prophesying, prophet	I Cor 12; Rom 12
Tongues	I Cor 12
Interpretation	I Cor 12
Encouragement	Rom 12
Teaching	I Cor 12; Rom 12

Leadership Gifts:

Apostle	Eph 4
Teacher	Eph 4; Rom 12; I Cor 12
Leadership prophets	Eph 4
Evangelist	Eph 4
Pastor	Eph 4

** Eph 4:11- for the equipping of the saints, for the work of service, for the building up of the body of Christ.*

Serving Gifts:

Faith	I Cor 12
Healing	I Cor 12
Miraculous powers	I Cor 12
Service	Rom 12
Discernment	I Cor 12
Helps	I Cor 12
Administration	Rom 12
Giving	Rom 12
Mercy	Rom 12

Gifts references: I Cor 12:8-11, 28-31; Rom 12:6-8; Eph 4:11

30. Full Armour of God

Paul introduces this concept of the full armour of God to the Ephesian church; he wants them to know that the disciple is involved in spiritual warfare. Our battle is not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers; because of this we need to put on Spiritual Armour made up of six different pieces which are found listed in Eph 6:14-17; each part is designed to protect us emotionally and spiritually.

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armour of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil”.

Ephesians 6:10-11

Paul’s overview concerning the war that we as Christ disciples face.

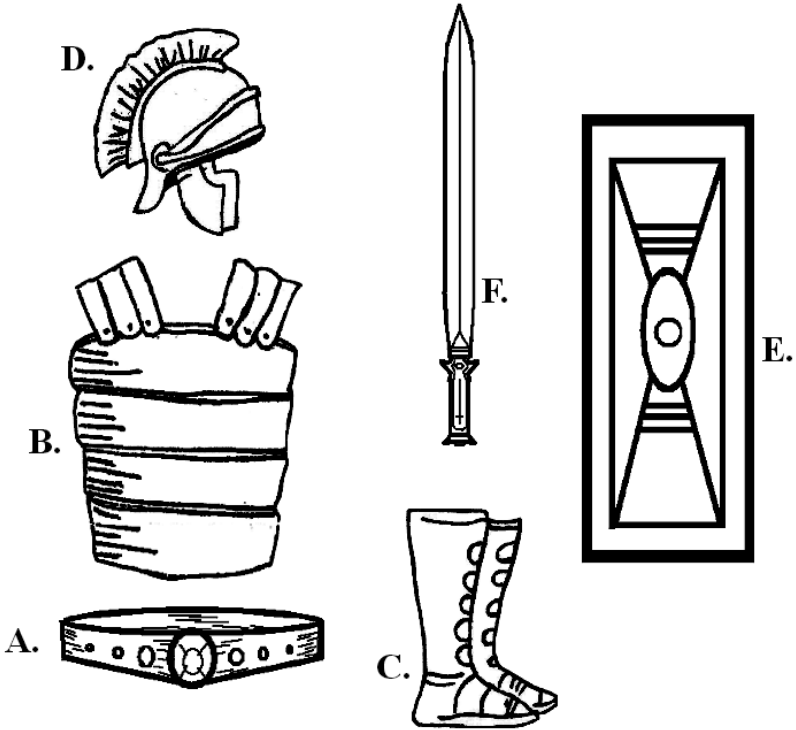
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| I. | The Soldier’s Strength | Eph 6:10 |
| II. | The Soldier’s Battle | Eph 6:11-12 |
| III. | The Soldier’s Equipment | Eph 6:13-17 |
| IV. | The Soldier’s Attitude | Eph 6:18 |
| V. | The Soldier’s Power | Eph 6:19 |
| VI. | The Soldier’s Message | Eph 6:20 |

Armour

Ephesians 6:10-17

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| A. | Belt | with truth | <i>protect your reproductive area.</i> |
| B. | Breastplate | of righteousness | <i>protect your heart.</i> |
| C. | Shoes | preparation of the gospel of peace. | <i>protect your thoughts.</i> |
| D. | Helmet | of salvation | <i>protect your thoughts.</i> |
| E. | Shield | of faith | <i>protect you from the fiery darts of the enemy.</i> |
| F. | Sword | Word of God | <i>protect you and empower you for battle.</i> |

Picture of a soldier's armor:



31. Prayer

Addressing a heartfelt entreaty or expression of thanks or praise to God. To personally communicate one's feelings, emotions and needs to God Almighty. Prayer is offered with the hope that things will change or that an answer will come for one's own life or for the lives of others.

1. First mention of prayer in the Bible: Gen 4:26
2. Prayers of the Saints are Precious: Rev 5:8
3. Comanded to Pray: 1 Chr 16:11; Matt 7:7; 26:41; John 16:24; Eph 6:18
4. Pray at All Times: 1 Thes 5:17
5. Prayer of Intercession and Supplication: Phil 4:6; 1Tim 2:1
6. Prayer and Fasting: Joel 1:14; Esther 4:16; Matt 6:16-18; 17:21; Acts 14:23
7. Prayers answered:

Moses	Ex 15:24-25
Gideon	Judg 6:39-40
Hannah	1 Sam 1:27
Samuel	1 Sam 7:9-10
Solomon	1 Kin 9:3
Elijah	1 Kin 18:37-38
Hezekiah	2 Kin 19:19-20
Jehoshaphat	2 Chr 18:31
Ezra	Ezra 8:23
Early Church	Acts 4:31

8. Examples of Prayer:

Abraham	Gen 18:23
Jacob	Gen 32:24
David	2 Sam 7:18
Solomon	1 Kin 8:22
Jabez	1 Chr 4:10
Ezra	Ezra 9:6
Daniel	Dan 9:4
Habakkuk	Hab 3:1
Lord's Prayer	Matt 6:9
Stephen	Acts 7:60

9. Hindrances to Prayer:

disobedience	Deut 1:45; 1 Sam 14:37; 28:6
sin	Ps 66:18
wickedness	Isa 59:2; Mic 3:4
self-willed	Jer 32:33; Pro 28:14; Acts 7:51; Rom2:5

10. Some scriptures concerning Prayer:

2 Chr 7:14

“And my people who are called by **My name humble themselves and pray** and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

Psalms 122:6

“**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:** May they prosper who love you.”

Matt 5:44

“But I say to you, love your enemies and **pray for those who persecute you.**”

Matt 21:13

And He said to them, “It is written, ‘**My house shall be called a house of prayer;**’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’”

Acts 1:14

“These all **continued with one accord in prayer** and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.”

Col 4:2-3

“**Continue earnestly in prayer**, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains,”

1 Timothy 2:1

“**First of all**, then, I urge that entreaties and **prayers**, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men.”

1 Pet 3:7

“Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, **that your prayers may not be hindered.**”

A Prayer Life:

*can
empower us,
change us
and
help us
to get ready
for the Kingdom of Heaven.*

32. Church Acts 2:40-47

“Ecclesia”, Greek name for church; means “called out one”, to assemble, gathering; the gathering of believers in Christ who assemble for worship, teaching, communion, etc. (Eph 5:21-32). The church is also referred to as the body of Christ, to be His hands and feet to a lost world. The church is the means by which the Spirit of God extends the fruit of the Spirit to the world through the gifts He provides.

Founding of the Church on the Day of Pentecost:

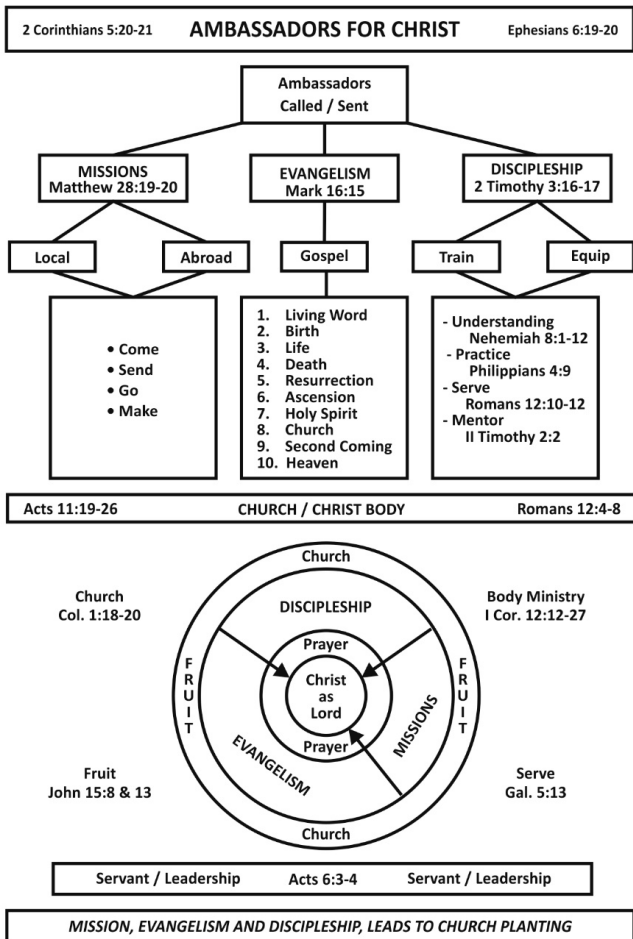
- Upper room meeting
 - Acts 1:14; 2:2
 - One accord in
 - Prayer
 - supplication

Related Scriptures

- upon this rock I will build my **church**; Matt 16:18
- the Lord added to the **church** daily Acts 2:47
- but prayer was made without ceasing of the **church** Acts 12:5
- they had ordained them elders in every **church**, Acts 14:23
- **churches** established in the faith, and increased in Acts 16:5
- feed the **church** of God, which he hath purchased Acts 20:28
- greet the **church** that is in their house. Rom 16:5
- God hath set some in the **church**, first apostles, 1 Cor 12:28
- with the **church** that is in their house. 1 Cor 16:19
- measure I persecuted the **church** of God, Gal 1:13
- to be the head over all things to the **church**, Eph 1:22
- the **church** the manifold wisdom of God, Eph 3:10
- as Christ is the head of the **church**: Eph 5:23
- Christ also loved the **church**, and gave himself Eph 5:25
- he is the head of the body, the **church**: Col 1:18
- which is the **church** of the living God, 1 Tim 3:15
- general assembly and **church** of the firstborn, Heb 12:23
- let him call for the elders of the **church**; James 5:14
- to the seven **churches** which are in Asia: Rev 1:4
- that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the **churches**; Rev 2:7 (2:11, 17, 29, 3:6, 22)

33. Church Foundation: Mission, Evangelism and Discipleship

The church is built on three main pillars: mission, evangelism and discipleship. When all three are done concurrently, in unity and harmony with each other. Then the church locally will grow, and the church worldwide will continue to spread throughout nations. It is rooted in the disciple understanding that they are call by Christ to be His ambassador of reconciliation.



34. Tithes, Offerings and Alms

The church is a place that receives God's tithes and offerings; it was to be a place of giving. The early church's finances were used to build people not buildings. The needs of the people, both local and in other churches, was of utmost importance. This is why later in the book of Acts we have the apostle selecting deacons that could go out and administer these finances to the needy. They worked under the direction of the local elders. Giving was also another way to show God's love and concern for others. It gives testimony that the church of Jesus Christ cares. But one must be aware that giving is more than finance. It is also giving of one's time and life for the help and service of others.

A percentage (usually 10%) of money or produce which was given to the Lord and considered sacred. Any amount over 10% was considered a gift. The tithe was to be brought into the Synagogue or the church. When people did not tithe, it was believed that one was robbing God (See Mal 3:8-11).

Tithes:

- gave him **tithes** of all Gen 14:20
- all the **tithe** of the land ... is the LORD's Lev 27:30
- LORD, even a tenth part of the **tithe** Num 18:26
- unto the LORD of all your **tithes** Num 18:28
- and your sacrifices and your **tithes** Deut 12:6
- shalt truly **tithe** all the increase of thy seed Deut 14:22
- thou shalt bring forth all the **tithe** Deut 14:28
- brought in the offerings and **tithes** 2 Chr 31:12
- the **tithes** unto the house of our God Neh 10:38
- for the firstfruits and for the **tithes** Neh 12:44
- have we robbed thee? In **tithes** and offerings Mal 3:8
- bring ye all the **tithes** into the Mal 3:10
- I give **tithes** of all that I possess Luke 18:12
- have a commandment to take **tithes** of Heb 7:5

Offerings:

To bring, contribution, gift, donation, present, submission, a giving

of finances or a sharing of one's possessions or a giving of oneself to the service of God. Each day the disciple should offer his life to our Lord Jesus Christ.

- offered him up for a burnt **offering** in Gen 22:13
- Israel, that they bring me an **offering** Ex 25:2
- with his heart ye shall take my **offering** Ex 25:2
- an **offering** unto the LORD, to make an atonement Ex 30:15
- of you bring an **offering** unto the LORD Lev 1:2
- will offer a meat **offering** unto the LORD Lev 2:1
- be a sacrifice of peace **offering** Lev 3:1
- sacrifice and **offering** thou didst not Ps 40:6 (Heb 10:5)
- shalt make his soul an **offering** for sin Isa 53:1
- thou shalt make his soul an **offering** for sin Isa 53:10
- offer unto the LORD an **offering** in righteousness Mal 3:3
- wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and **offerings** Mal 3:8
- **offering** up of the Gentiles might be acceptable Rom 15:16
- and hath given himself for us an **offering** Eph 5:2
- sanctified through the **offering** of the body Heb 10:10
- for by one **offering** he hath perfected Heb 10:14
- remission ... is, there is no more **offering** for sin Heb 10:18

Alms:

Giving, charity, money (silver) gifts to be given unto God, gifts to be used in helping others who are less fortunate; giving of love gifts to the poor and needy. The disciple should away be aware of the needs of others around them. It is important that we do not become blind to the poor and the needy, but to pray and ask God to show us how we may help or how we can get involved in ministry to those who are less fortunate.

- Take heed that ye do not do your **alms** before men, Matt 6:1
- That thine **alms** may be in secret: Matt 6:4
- give **alms** of such things as ye have; Luke 11:41
- to ask **alms** of them that entered Acts 3:2
- gave much **alms** to the people, Acts 10:2
- bring **alms** to my nation, an offerings. Acts 24:17

35. Paul: Missionary, Church Planter and Leadership Builder

Background and education:

- Birth Acts 22:3
- Jew and Roman citizen Phil 3:5 / Acts 22:25-27
- Educated by Gamaliel in Jerusalem – was a Pharisee of the pharisees Acts 23:6; Phil 3:5

Salvation and call: Acts 9: 1-22; Gal 1:15

Name change: Saul to Paul Acts 13:9

Mission call to Antioch: Acts 11:25-26

Tent maker: Acts 18:3

Accountability: Acts 15:6-29 Gal 1:18-19

Mission: To the Gentiles Acts 1:11-16; Rom 1:16-17; Gal 1:15-17

Commissioned at Antioch: Act 13:1-3

Key teaching: Gospel of Jesus Christ Gal 1:6-10

Key doctrine: Grace of God through Jesus Christ Rom 3:24; 4:16; 5:17-20; 6:14,12:3, 6; 15:15; 1 Cor 15:10; 2 Cor 9:14; Gal 1:6; Eph 2:7; 2:8; 4:7; Col 4:6; 2 Tim 2:1; Tit 3:7 etc.

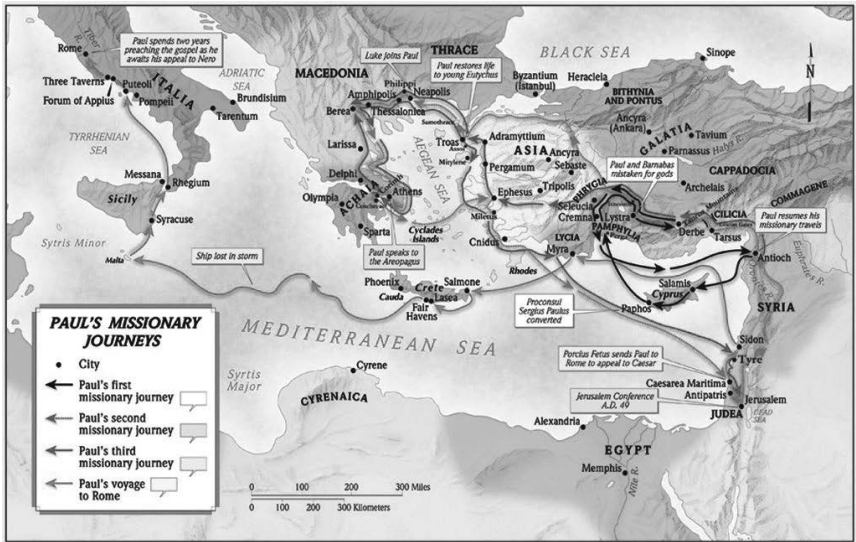
Focus: proclaiming the Gospel, church planting in various cities, leadership building

Persecution and suffering: Acts 27; 2 Cor 11:22-33

Author of 13 books: Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Philemon, Galatians, Philippians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, Ephesians, Colossians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus

Mission Trips:

1. Trip Acts 13:4 – 15:35
2. Trip Acts 15:36 – 18:22
3. Trip Acts 18:23 – 21:17
4. Trip Acts 27:1 – 28:16Rome



36. Missions Outreach

Some synonyms for the word missions are; assignment, task, work, charge, undertaking, operation. God has commissioned all disciples to be missionaries in His harvest field. The harvest is ripe; God commissions his labourers to serve each day, whether in the home, job, neighbourhood or around the world. Missionaries are “sent out ones” that God calls to deliver, on His behalf, the Good News of Jesus Christ. The missionary is an ambassador who represents the Kingdom of God (2 Cor 5:20). Jesus gave the Great Commission to all disciples in Matthew 28:16-20. (Mark 16:15-18)

1. Mission Call

The missionary / disciples of Christ need to receive a clear call from God on what they are to do and where they are to go. The call must line up with the will and purpose of God. The missionary need to remember that they are “sent one” both by God and His body the church.

2. Mission Purpose and Goals

The missionary / disciple is to bring the Gospel of Christ Jesus and to disciple the people who will intern become part of Christ body. These new disciples need to be equipped so that they can serve each other and continue to carry forward the great commission to others.

3. Mission Doctrinal Statement

The missionary / disciple needs to be clear on what they believe concerning doctrine because this will be the base line that one will use to help others come to a deeper faith and maturity in Christ

4. Mission Preparation

The mission / disciple must also be professionally trained, discipline and equipped in a variety of areas. The more one knows concerning the Bible, plus people’s culture and language the better tool one will be in the hands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. Mission Challenges

The missionary / disciple must understand that they can face a variety of cross cultural and cross lifestyle differences that are quite different from how one grew up, learned and understood. One needs to take time to study once audience those whom you have committed to serve and love.

6. Mission Accountability and Reporting

The missionary / disciple is part of a team made up of churches and people and it is important to keep lines of communication open to help bridge and give understanding between the home field and the work where you are committed to serve at.

7. Mission Directives and Policies of the Sending Body

The missionary / disciple often will serve under others and it is important for the one who is going to know the desires and goals of those who are sending you. Pick your board and team of advisors wisely.

8. Mission Goal

The missionary / disciple must have a clear focus and target that one is aiming at. The larger goal is to serve and minister with others so that they eventually can take over the ministry, this will require that we equip others for service and leadership.

37. Stories from the Bible

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| 1) | God Creates the World | Gen 1:1-2:3 |
| 2) | God Creates People | Gen 2:4-25 |
| 3) | Fall of Man | Gen 3:1-4 |
| 4) | A Flood Destroys the World | Gen 6:9-9:17 |
| 5) | People Build a Tower | Gen 11:1-9 |
| 6) | God Calls Abram (Abraham) | Gen 12:1-9; 17:1-8 |
| 7) | Isaac is Born | Gen 21:1-7 |
| 8) | God Tests Abraham | Gen 22:1-19 |
| 9) | Isaac and Rebekah | Gen 24 |
| 10) | Jacob and Esau are Brothers | Gen 25:19-34 |
| 11) | Jacob gets the Blessing | Gen 27:1-40 |
| 12) | Jacob has a Dream | Gen 28:10-22 |
| 13) | Jacob Marries | Gen 29:14-30 |
| 14) | Joseph Sold to Egypt | Gen 37:12-36 |
| 15) | Pharaoh has Two Dreams | Gen 41 |
| 16) | Joseph's Brothers go to Egypt | Gen 42- 45 |
| 17) | Moses is Born | Ex 1:8- 2:10 |
| 18) | God Calls Moses | Ex 3:1-15 |
| 19) | God Sends Ten Plagues | Ex 7:14-11:10 |
| 20) | The Passover | Ex 12 |
| 21) | The Israelites Cross the Sea | Ex 13:17- 14:31 |
| 22) | God Gives Water | Ex 15:22- 27; 17:1-7 |
| 23) | God Gives Food | Ex 16 |
| 24) | God Gives His Laws to Moses | Ex 19:1-20:21 |
| 25) | The People Worship a Golden Calf | Ex 32 |
| 26) | Spies Explore the Promised Land | Num 13:1-14:38 |
| 27) | A Donkey Talks to Balaam | Num 22:1- 35 |
| 28) | Joshua Leads the People | Josh 1 |

29)	Rahab Helps the Spies	Josh 2
30)	Jericho's Walls Fall Down	Josh 5:13- 6:27
31)	Joshua's farewell address	Josh 23- 24
32)	Deborah and Barak Defeat Sisera	Judg 4:1-16
33)	Gideon Tests God	Judg 6
34)	Gideon Wins the War	Judg 7
35)	Samson and Delilah	Judg 16:4- 31
36)	The Story of Ruth	Ruth 1- 4
37)	God Calls Samuel	1 Sam 3
38)	David Fights Goliath	1 Sam 17
39)	David and Jonathan are Friends	1 Sam 20
40)	Abigail Saves her Family	1 Sam 25
41)	David Sins with Bath-sheba	2 Sam 11
42)	God Forgives David's Sin	2 Sam 12:1 -25
43)	Solomon's Prayer	1 Kin 3:6-9
44)	Solomon is a Wise Ruler	1Kin 3:16-28
45)	Dedication of the Temple	1 Kin 8-9
46)	Elijah is fed by Birds	1 Kin 17:1- 6
47)	Elijah Challenges the Prophets of Baal	1 Kin 18:17-39
48)	Elijah goes to Heaven	2 Kin 2:1-11
49)	A Widow's Oil	2 Kin 4:1-7
50)	A Woman's Son Lives Again	2 Kin 4:8-37
51)	God Heals Naaman of Leprosy	2 Kin 5
52)	King Josiah Leads the Nation to Worship God	2 Kin 22:1- 23:30
53)	Ezra goes to Jerusalem	Ezra 7 - 10
54)	Nehemiah wants to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem	Neh 1:1- 2:8
55)	Ezra teaches with Understanding	Neh 8:1-18
56)	Esther and Mordecai Save the People	Esth 2:5-5:8; 7:1-8:17
57)	God is Our Shepherd	Ps 23

58)	David asks God for Forgiveness	Ps 51
59)	Word of God	Ps 119
60)	Isaiah Wants to Serve God	Is 6:1-8
61)	Isaiah tells people about Israel's God	Is 40 -44
62)	Isaiah tells of the coming servant	Is 54:1-17
63)	Jeremiah is Called by God	Jer 1:4-19
64)	God Protects Three Men in a Fire	Dan 3
65)	Daniel is Safe from the Lions	Dan 6
66)	A Fish Swallows Jonah	Jon 1-2
67)	Haggai rebuilds the Second Temple	Hag 1-2
68)	Old Testament Last Words by Malachi	Mal 1-4
69)	An Angel Visits Mary	Luke 1:26-38
70)	Jesus is Born	Luke 2:1-7
71)	The Shepherds Worship Jesus	Luke 2:8 -20
72)	The Wise Men Visit Jesus	Matt 2:1-12
73)	Baby Jesus is Taken to the Temple	Luke 2:22- 40
74)	Jesus' Family Escapes to Egypt	Matt 2:13- 23
75)	The Boy Jesus Visits the Temple	Luke 2:41-52
76)	Jesus is Baptized	John 1:29-34
77)	Satan Tempts Jesus	Luke 4:1-13
78)	Water Becomes Wine	John 2:1-11
79)	A Sick Man's Friends Help Him See Jesus	Luke 5:17- 26
80)	Jesus Teaches Nicodemus	John 3:1- 21
81)	Jesus Talks to a Woman at a Well	John 4:4 -42
82)	A Nobleman Has Great Faith	John 4:46 -54
83)	Jesus Calls His Disciples	Mark 3:13-19
84)	Jesus Preaches on a Mountain	Matt 5:1-7:29
85)	Jesus Calms a Storm	Mark 4:35- 41
86)	A Dead Girl Lives Again	Mark 5:21- 24, 35-43
87)	A Sick Woman is Healed	Mark 5:25-34

88)	John the Baptist is Killed	Mark 6:17-29
89)	Jesus Feeds Five Thousand People	Mark 6:30-44
90)	Jesus Walks on Water	Mark 6:45-51
91)	Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind	John 9:1-41
92)	The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37
93)	Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead	John 11:1-46
94)	Do Not Worry	Luke 12:22-34
95)	A Sheep is Lost	Luke 15:1-7
96)	A Coin is Lost	Luke 15:8 -10
97)	A Son Runs Away	Luke 15:11-32
98)	Jesus Heals Ten Men	Luke 17:11-19
99)	Jesus Blesses the Children	Mark 10:13-6
100)	A Young Man Comes to Jesus	Mark 10:17-31
101)	Zacchaeus Climbs a Tree	Luke 19:1-10
102)	Jesus Enters Jerusalem	Luke 19:28-44
103)	Jesus Eats the Last Supper	Matt 26:17-30
104)	Jesus Prays in the Garden	Matt 26:36-56
105)	Peter Denies Jesus	Matt 26:69-75
106)	Jesus is on Trial	Matt 27:1-30
107)	Jesus Dies on the Cross	Matt 27:31-56
108)	Jesus is Buried	Matt 27:57-66
109)	Jesus Comes Back to Life	Luke 24:1-12
110)	Jesus Talks to Two Men	Luke 24:13-35
111)	Jesus Appears to His Disciples	Luke 24:36-53
112)	Jesus' Second Coming Foretold	John 14:3-28
113)	Jesus at the Sea of Galilee	John 21
114)	Jesus Goes to Heaven	Acts 1:4-11
115)	The Holy Spirit Comes to the People	Acts 1:12-2:47
116)	Stephen's Testimony and Death	Acts 7
117)	Saul Begins to Follow Jesus	Acts 9:1-19
118)	Peter Escapes from Prison	Acts 12:1-17

119)	The Council of Jerusalem	Acts 15
120)	Paul and Silas Sing in Prison	Acts 16:16-40
121)	Paul before Felix and Festus	Acts 24 -25
122)	Paul's Defense before Agrippa	Acts 26
123)	Love is the Greatest Gift	1 Cor 13
124)	The Resurrection Truth	1 Cor 15
125)	Testimonies of Faith	Heb 11
126)	Jude's Warning	Jude 1
127)	The Seven Churches	Rev 2:1-3:22
128)	The Lamb is Worshipped	Rev 5
129)	The New Jerusalem	Rev 21:1-22:6
130)	Jesus is Coming Again	Rev 22:7-21

38. Precious Promises from the Bible

1. If you feel guilty: 2 Sam 14:14; Ps 130:3-4; Rom 8:1-2; I Cor 6:11; Eph 3:12; Heb 10:22-23
2. If you feel dejected: Ps 130:7; Is 65:24, Matt 11:28-30; Rom 8:26-27; Heb 4:16; James 4:8, 10
3. If you feel despair: Ps 119:116; Is 57:15; Jer 32:17; Heb 10:35
4. If you are disappointed: Ps 22:4-5; Is 49:23; Matt 19:25-26; Mark 9:21-24; John 15:7; Eph 3:20
5. If you are depressed: Deut 31:8; Ps 34:18; Is 49:13-15; Rom 5:5
6. If you are persecuted: Gen 50:20; Ps 37:1-2; Matt 5:10-12; 2 Cor 4:8-12; 2 Tim 1:11-12; 1 Pet 3:13-14
7. If you are anxious: Ps 55:22; Is 41:13; Matt 6:25; 11:28-29; Phil 4:6-7; 1 Pet 5:7
8. If you are filled with longing: Ps 37:4; 84:11; 103:5; Luke 12:29-31
9. If you are sick: Ps 23:4; 73:26; Is 57:18; Matt 8:16-17; John 16:33; Rom 8:37-39; James 5:13-16
10. If you are impatient: Ps 27:13-14; 37:7, 9; Rom 2:7; 1 Tim 1:16; Heb 6:12; 2 Pet 3:9
11. If you are confused: Ps 32:8; Is 42:16; John 8:12; 14:27; 1 Cor 2:15-16; James 1:5
12. If you are tempted: Job 23:10-11; 1 Cor 10:13; Heb 2:18; 4:15-16; James 1:2-4, 13-14; 1 Pet 5:8-10
13. If you are weak: Ps 73:13; Is 41:10; Rom 8:26; 1 Cor 1:7-9; 2 Cor 4:7-9; 12:9-10
14. If you are afraid: Ps 4:8; 23:4; Is 35:4; Rom 8:37-39; 2 Cor 1:10; 2 Tim 1:7; Heb 13:6
15. If you struggle with obedience: Ex 14:23; Matt 16:27; John 8:31-32; 14:21,23; James 1:25
16. If you are in need: Is 58:11; John 6:35; 2 Cor 9:10-11; Eph 3:20-21; Phil 4:19
17. If you are grieving: Ps 119:50, 76-77; Jer 31:13; Matt 5:4; John 16:20-22; 1 Thes 4:13-14; Rev 21:3-4

18. If you suffer: Ps 34:19; Nah 1:7; John 16:33;
Rom 8:16-17; 1 Pet 2:20-21, 4: 12-13
19. If you fail: Josh 1:9; Rom 3:23-24; 5:8; Heb 10:36;
1 John 1:8-9
20. If you doubt: Ps 34:22; John 3:18; 11:25-26; Rom 4:5;
1 John 4:15-16
21. If the future seems hopeless: Is 54:1-7; Lam 3:19-24; 1 Cor 15:20-28;
1 Pet 1:1-9; 5: 10-11; Rev 11:15-19.
22. If you are seeking God's direction: 1 Kin 3:1-14; Prov 2:1-6; Rom 12:1-3;
Eph 5:15-17; Col 1:9-14; James 1:5-8
23. If you need comfort: Is 12; 40:1-11; Jer 31:10-13; 2 Cor 1:3-7;
7:6-13
24. If others disagree with you: Matt 7:1-5; Rom 12:9-21; 14:1-15;
2 Cor 5:11-21
25. If the World seems enticing: Gen 3:1-7; Eccl 2:1-11; 2 Cor 6:14-7:1;
James 1:26-27; 4:4-10; 1 John 2:15-17
26. If you need assurance of salvation: Ps 91: 14-16; Mic 7:18-20; John 3:14-21;
11:25-26; Acts 16:31-34; 1 John 5:9-13
27. If others have sinned against you: Gen 33:1-4; 50:15-20; Matt 6:14-15;
18:21-35; Col 3:12-14; James 2:12-13
28. If you are tempted to be bitter: Ps 4; 38:7-9; 73; Prov 16:32; 1 Cor 13:5;
Eph 4:29-5:2; Heb 12:14-15
29. If you are tempted to neglect public worship: Ex 20:8-11; Ps 95:1-7; Acts 2:42-47;
Heb 10:19-25
30. If your faith needs strengthening: Gen 15:1-6; Prov 3:5-9; Rom 5:1-11 1
Cor 9:24-27; Heb 10:19-25, 35-39,
11:1-12: 13
31. If you need to control your tongue: Ps 39:1; Prov 10:18-20; Matt 15:1-20;
James 3:1-12
32. If you are prone to judge others: Matt 7:1-5; 1 Cor 4:1-5; James 2:1-13;
4:11-12
33. If you have been cheated: Gen 33:1-4; Matt 18:15-17; 1 Cor 6:1-8;
James 5:1-8
34. If things are going well: Job 31:24-28; Prov 15:27; Luke 12:13-21;
1 Tim 6:3-19; Heb 13:5; James 2:1-17

35. If you wonder about your Spiritual Gifts: Rom 12:3-8; 1 Cor 1:4-9; 12:1 -14:25; 1 Pet 4:7-11
36. If you are starting a new job: 1 Kin 3:1-14; Pro 10:4-5; Rom 12:1-2; Gal 5:13-26; Eph 1:3-4
37. If you are in a position of responsibility: 1 Kin 11:5-7; Pro 3:21-27; Mark 10:35-45; Luke 7:1-10; 1 Cor 16:13-14; Gal 6:9-10
38. If you are establishing a new home: Gen 2:19-25; Eccl 9:7-10; Eph 5:22-33; Col 3:18-21; 1 Pet 3:1-7
39. If you have been quarreling: Gen 13:5-11; Ps 133; 1 Cor 3, Eph 4:1-6, 15-5:2; 2 Tim 2:14-26; James 4:1-12
40. If you are challenge by dark forces: Josh 1:6-9; Ps 56:1-4; Rom 8:38-39; 2 Cor 4:7-18; Eph 6:10-18; 2 Tim 4:3-7
41. If you are struggling with jealousy: Num 12:1-15; 16:1-35; Gal 5:13-15, 19-21; James 3:13-18
42. If you struggle with laziness: Pro 6:6-11; 10:4-5; Eph 5:15-16; Phil 2:12-13; 1 Thes 4:11-12; 2 Thes 3:6-15
43. If you struggle with lust: Deut 22:22-24; 2 Sam 11:1-12:14; Matt 5:27-30; Rom 13:8-14, James 1:13-18
44. If you are angry: Gen 4:1-12; Ps 4:4; Matt 5:21-22, 18:21-35; Eph 4:25, 5:2; James 1:19-21
45. If you desire revenge: Deut 32:34-35; Ps 94:1; Pro 25:21-22; Matt 5:38-42; Rom 12:17-21; 1 Thes 5:12-15; 1 Pet 3:8-14
46. If you are struggling with pride: Pro 8:12-14; Matt 25:34-40; Mark 10:35-45; Rom 12:3; Phil 2:1-11
47. If you struggle with addiction: Ps 18: 28-36; Pro 23:29-35; Rom 6: 1-23; 12:1-2; 1 Cor 6:12-20; Phil 3:17-4:1
48. If you are struggling with greediness: Ps 62:1-2, 10; Eccl 2:1-11; Luke 12:13-21; 2 Cor 9:6-15; Eph 5:3-7; 1 John 3:16-18
49. If you desire to learn how to pray: 2 Chr 6:13-42, 20:5-12; Matt 6:5-15; Mark 11:22-25; Luke 18:9-14; Phil 4:4-7
50. If you are struggling with apathy or indifference: Num 25:10-13; Eccl 9:10; Matt 25:1-13; Luke 12:35-48; 1 Thes 5: 1-11; Rev 3:1-6, 14-22

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| 51. If you are struggling with financial challenges: | Deut 15:7-11; Prov 3:9; Mal 3:10-12; Matt 6:1-4; 1 Tim 6:10 |
| 52. If you are struggling with the Fruit of the Spirit: | Gal 5:22-23; Rom 5:3-5; 1 Tim 6:11; 2 Tim 3:10; 2 Pet 1:5-7 |
| 53. If you need salvation in Christ Jesus: | Ps 27:1; 37:39; Isa 12:2; Acts 2:21; Rom 10:9-13; Tit 2:11; 2 Pet 3:9 |
| 54. If you are struggling with loneliness: | Ps 119:63; Prov 18:24; Mark 3:35; 1 John 1:3 |

39. Scriptures for Ministry

1. Accident: Deut 29:29; Rom 8:28; 1 Thes 3:7
2. Altar destruction (High places): Deut 12:1-14; 1 Kin 14:22-23; 2 Chr 14:3,5; Ezek 6:1-6; Hos 4:11-14
3. Baby dedication: Ex 2:6; Ps 17:14, 127:3; Luke 2:12, 16
4. Baptism: Matt 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom 6:3-5; Gal 3:27; Col 2:12; 1 Pet 3:21
5. Bitterness: Ps 64:3; Pro 14:10; Jer 4:18; Eph 4:31; Heb 12:15
6. Business dedication: Deut 25:15; Lev 19:35-36; 1 Kin 8:12-66; Ezra 6:1-22; Prov 10:4; 11:1; 13:4; 22:29
7. Children; Gen 33:5; Deut 30:2; Ps 127:3; Pro 8:32; 17:6; Mark 10:14; Eph 6:1-4; Gal 4:1-2; Heb 12:9
8. Christian workers (servants of the Lord): Acts 2:18; Rom 12:11; 1 Cor 3:13-15; Eph 2:10; 2 Tim 2:21; 3:17
9. Christmas (Birth of Christ): Isa 7:14; Matt 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-20; Gal 4:4
10. Church: Acts 2:41-47; Eph 4:12; 5:22-32; 1 Tim 3:15; Heb 12:23
11. Communion (Lord's Supper): Matt 26:26-29; Luke 22:19, 20; Acts 2:42, 46; 1 Cor 11:20
12. Country or state (government): Ex 18:13-26; Is 45:1-13; Mat 22:18-21; Rom 13:1-7; 1 Tim 2:1-3
13. Deacons: Acts 6:1-6; 1 Tim 3:8-13
14. Deliverance ministry: Col 1:13; 2 Tim 3:11; 4:18; 2 Pet 2:9
15. Discipleship: Matt 16:25; 28:19-20; Luke 14:26-33; John 15:1-17
16. Addiction (gambling, drugs, alcohol): Prov 20:1; 23:21; 28:20; Is 28:7; Matt 24:48-51; 1 Cor 11:21-22
17. Easter - Good Friday (death of Christ): Matt 27:45-61; Mark 15:33-47; Luke 23:26-56; John 19:28-42; Heb 2:14
18. Easter - Resurrection Sunday: Matt 28:1-15; Mark 16:1-14; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-23
19. Engagement (betrothed / espoused / virgin): Deut 20:7; Matt 1:18; Luke 1:27; 2 Cor 11:2
20. Family: Gen 1:27, 28; Matt 19:6; 1 Cor 7:3
21. Finances (money): Deut 2:6, 28; 14:22-26; Matt 25:14-27; Luke 7:41-42; 1 Tim 6:10

22. Funeral (death): Ps 23:4; Eccl 9:10; Is 57:1-2; Acts 24:15; 1 Cor 15; 2 Cor 5:1-10 Heb 2:15; Rev 14:13; 21:1-4
23. Harvest time (reap): Gen 8:22; Ex 23:16; Lev 19:9; 23:10; Deut 24:19; 26:1-2; Prov 10:5
24. Holy Spirit: John 1:32-34; 14:15-31; 16:5-15; Acts 2:1-41; Rom 8:1-17; Gal 5:22-23; Eph 5:18
25. House dedication: Ex 25:8; Deut 12:5; Is 56:7; Ps 127:1
26. Idols: Ex 20:1-5; 34:13-16; Judg 6:25-32; Hos 4:12-19; Rom 1:21-25; 1 Cor 5:11; 10:14, 19-21; Gal 4:8-9; 1 Thes 1:9; 1 Pet 4:3; I John 5:21
27. Lent (a forty day period of fasting and repentance; mourning): 2 Sam 13:19; Esth 4:1 (reflection on Jesus suffering, sacrifice, death, burial and resurrection) Matt 27: 33- 28:15; Mark 15:22-16:13; Luke 23: 26- 24:12; John 19:1- 20:18
28. Marriage: Gen 2:19-25; Matt 19:6; Mark 10:7-9; 1Cor 7; Eph 5:21-33; Col 3:18-19; 1 Pet 3:1-2, 7
29. Ministers: Matt 20:22-27; John 21:15-17; Acts 13:5; Rom 15:17-19; 1 Cor 1:4-9; 2 Tim 2:2
30. Miracles: 2 Kin 5:10-14; Matt 9:1-8; 11:2-5; John 2:1-11; Acts 6:8; 14:10; Rom 15:18
31. Missions (sent one): Matt 10:16; 28:18-20; John 6:38, 20:21; Acts 8:5-17, 13:1-4
32. Naming service: Gen 21:3; Ruth 4:17; Is 62:2; Matt 1:21-25; Luke 1:57-66; 2:21
33. Nursery school (training): Ps 34:11; Prov 8:17, 32; 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13; Gal 4:1-3; Eph 6:4
34. Overcoming sin: Josh 7:19-21; Ps 51:3-4; Rom 5:12, 16; 1 Cor 15:3; Heb 2:17; 1 John 1:7, 9
35. Parents: Gen 18:18-19; Ex 20:12; Deut 6:6-7; 1 King 2:1-4; 2 Tim 1:5
36. Pastor (shepherd / overseer): Ps 23:1; Mark 6:34; John 10:11; Eph 4:11-12
37. Planting time (seeding): Ps 126:5-6; Ecc 11:4; Is 32:20; Hos 10:12; Matt 13:3-9; Luke 8:5-8; Gal 6:8
38. Poor and needy: Lev 19:9-10; Deut 15:1-11; Is 58:6-7; Amos 5:11-15; Matt 25:31-46; Luke 21:2-3; James 2:1-9
39. Prayer service: Matt 18:20; John 14:13; Acts 1:13-14; 10:2, 30; 1Cor 14:14-17

40. Repentance: 2 Chro 7:14; Ezek 18:30-32; Ps 51:10-13; Matt 4:12-17; Mark 1:15; Luke 18:9-14; Acts 2:38; 8:22; 9:35; Rom 10:9-10
41. Salvation: Ex 14:30; 15:2; Ps 62; Is 59:15-20; Luke 19:1-10; John 3:14-15; Acts 16:16-34; Rom 10:9-10; Eph 1:13; 2:1-10; 2 Cor 6:2; Heb 5:9
42. School graduation (goal completed): Phil 3:12-14; 1Cor 9:24-25; 2 Tim 4:7,8
43. Sick / healing: Matt 4:23; 8:3; 9:35; Mark 10:52; Luke 13:13; John 9:1-7; Acts 3:7; 9:34; 28:8-9; James 5:14,15
44. Soldiers: Matt 8:9; Acts 10:7-8; Eph 6:10-18; Phil 2:25; 2 Tim 2:4
45. Starting school (education); Is 28:10; 2 Chr 17:7-9; Luke 2:46; Acts 17:10-11; Eph 6:4; 2 Tim 3:15-17
46. Teachers: 2 Chr 17:7-9; John 14:26; Eph 4:11; 2 Tim 2:24-26; Heb 8:11-12; James 3:1, 2
47. Temptation: Matt 4:1-10; 6:13; Heb 4:15-16; 2 Pet 2:9
48. Tithes and offerings: Lev 27:30-33; Num 18:26; Mal 3:10; Heb 7:1,2,6
49. Widows: Ex 22:22-24; Is 1:17, 23; Luke 21:2-4; James 1:27; 1Tim 5:3
50. Youth: Ps 25:7; 119:9; Pro 1:10-16; 20:29; Ecc12:1-2; Jer 3:25; Luke 15:11-32; 1 Tim 4:12; 2 Tim 2:22; Tit 2:6; 1 Pet 5:5

40. Major Doctrines

A system of teaching concerning God, truth about God containing laws, regulations. The disciple is to hold firm to the doctrines of the Word of God; they are there to nurture us and help to bear fruit for the honour and glory of Christ Jesus; they are the teachings and foundation stones of the church of Jesus Christ, with which we are to train and correct other disciples. (2 Tim 3:16-17)

1. Theology of the Bible *Word of God, our food, light and sword.*
Ps 119:105; Eph 6:17; 2 Tim 3:16, 17
2. Theology of God *Our Triune God who functions as 3 in 1 (Father Son and Holy Spirit).*
Deut 6:4; Matt 3:16; John 1:1; Acts 5:3, 4; 1 John 5:8
3. Theology of Jesus *Saviour, Teacher, Redeemer, Deliver and Provider.*
4. Theology of Christ's Death *Atoning blood, our substitution.*
Matt 27:33-66; Mark 15:22-47; Luke 23:33-56; John 19:16-42
5. Theology of the Resurrection *Jesus conquered sin and death*
Matt 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-13; Acts 1:8-11; Eph 1:19-23
6. Theology of the Holy Spirit *Teacher, empowerer for service, giver of spiritual fruit and gifts for ministry*
Acts 2:38; Rom 12; 1 Cor 12:1-11; Eph 4; Gal 5:22, 23
7. Theology of Man and Sin *Created by God, chose a way of destruction, born of a sin nature.*
Gen 3; John 3:5-16; Rom 1:18-32; 3:23
8. Theology of Salvation *Jesus: one way, one truth and one life to live*
John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Rom 1:16-17; 5:9; 10:9-10

9. Theology of the Church
*Matt 16:18; Eph1:22; 5:23;
Col 1:18, 24* *Body of Christ: center for training,
nurturing and equipping*
10. Theology of Angels, Satan
and Demons
Job 1:6-7; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6 *Fallen angels, death and destruction,
spiritual warfare.*
11. Theology of Eschatology (end
times) *Rapture, Armageddon, book of life,
judgement, final victory, marriage
supper of the Lamb. Book of Daniel,
Ezekiel, and Revelation*
12. Theology of Discipleship
*Matt 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-
16; Luke 24:44-49; John 20:21;
Acts1:6-8* *Commanded to go, teach and make
disciples of all nations.*

41. Statement of Faith

We believe:

1. In the Holy Bible as the inspired Word of God and as the final authority in all matters of Christian life and doctrine. (2 Tim 3:16, 17)
2. In the One True God, in the Trinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deut 6:4; Matt 3:16; John 1:1; Acts 5:3, 4; 1 John 5:8)
3. In the virgin birth of Jesus the Messiah, being conceived by the Holy Spirit. (Matt 1:23-25; Luke 1:34, 35)
4. In the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, His ascension and seat at the right hand of the Father. (Acts 1:8-11, 2:24; Eph 1:19-23)
5. In salvation through repentance of sin and faith in Jesus Christ and His blood shed for our redemption. (Acts 4:12; Rom 5:9; Eph 2:8-10)
6. In the believer's water baptism by immersion in which a believer identifies with Christ in His death, in His burial, and in His resurrection to newness of Life. (Mark 16:16; Rom 6:1)
7. In the filling of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38; 19:1-6), with the gifts (1 Cor 12-14), fruit (Gal 5:22, 23), and ministries. (Eph 4:11)
8. In exercising the privileges and authority of believers, and in praying in Jesus' name to appropriate the provisions in the redemptive work of Christ for healing and deliverance unto wholeness of spirit, soul, and body. (Is 53:4-6; Luke 4:18; John 14:12; James 5:14)
9. In the life and walk in the Spirit which helps believers to overcome and enables them to live the victorious Christian life. (Rom 8:11; Gal 5:16-18)

10. In the resurrection of all the dead; believers to eternal life (1 Cor 15), and unbelievers to eternal damnation. (Rev 20:4-15)
11. In the imminent Second Coming of Jesus Christ. (John 14:1; Acts 1:11; Rev 22:12)
12. In the great commission to the church to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, making disciples of all nations, baptizing converts in the name of the Godhead, and teaching them to observe all of Christ's commands. (Matt 28:19,20; Mark 16:15,16)

42. Seven Churches of the book of Revelation

End times: The book of Revelation also pictures for us in the last days different kinds of churches; churches that have both good and negative points about them, but the biggest challenge that we see from these seven examples is that they got out from under the headship of Jesus Christ and get sidetracked into other things that defiled and weakened the church here on earth. I believe that this prophecy concerning these seven churches can be a measuring stick to be used to evaluate the church we serve at or attend.

Let us take a few moments to reflect on some of the characteristics of these seven churches that Jesus has prophesied about concerning the last days.

Revelation 2:1- 3:22

1. **Ephesus** - The strong church
Rev 2:1-7
 - Had patiently borne adversity and could not stand evil.
 - They had left their first love. God appealed to them to remember from where they had fallen.

2. **Smyrna** - The poor, rich church.
Rev 2:8-11
 - This church would face persecution.
 - God had nothing against them.

3. **Pergamum** - The faltering church
Rev 2:12-17
 - Had not denied God.
 - Had allowed false prophets into the church.

4. **Thyatira** - The apostate church
Rev 2:18-29
 - Had many good works.
 - Had allowed the false prophetess Jezebel to come in.

5. **Sardis** - The dying church

Rev 3:1-6

- Asked to repent and watch.

6. **Philadelphia** - The weak church

Rev 3:7-13

- God promised to keep them from the hour of temptation.
- The synagogue of Satan, who claimed to be Jews, would know that God was with them.

7. **Laodicea** - The lukewarm church

Rev 3:14-22

- This church thought they were fine.
- God asked them to buy gold from him, so they would be rich.

43. Eight Week Bible Reading Chart

Week One

Day 1	Ps 1:1-6	Meditate on God
Day 2	Gen 1-2	The Creation
Day 3	Gen 3	The Beginning of Sin
Day 4	Gen 15; 17:15-27	God's Covenant with Abraham
Day 5	Gen 21:1-7; 22	God's faithfulness and Abraham's Faith
Day 6	Ex 3-4	God Calls Moses to Deliver His People
Day 7	Prov 1:1-33	Learn the truth of Solomon's Proverbs

Week Two

Day 1	Ps 23:1-6	Shepherded by God
Day 2	Ex 20	The Ten Commandments
Day 3	Josh 1	Conquering the Promised Land
Day 4	1 Sam 16-17	David and Goliath
Day 5	I Kin 3; 8:1-9:9	King Solomon's Wisdom and the Temple
Day 6	I Kin 18	The Prophet Elijah and the prophets of Baal
Day 7	Prov 1-3	True Wisdom

Week Three

Day 1	Ps 27:1-14	Salvation by God alone
Day 2	Neh 1-2	Call of Nehemiah
Day 3	Dan 2-3	Daniel in Babylon: The Fiery Furnace
Day 4	Ezra 3	Rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem
Day 5	Is 9, 53, 61	Isaiah's Prophecy of the Coming Messiah
Day 6	Luke 1-2	The Birth of Jesus
Day 7	Prov 4	A Father's Instruction

Week Four

Day 1	Ps 34:1-22	Heart of God
Day 2	John 1:1-18	Who Jesus is
Day 3	Luke 4: 14-44	Jesus Begins His Ministry
Day 4	Matt 5-6	The Core of Jesus' Teaching
Day 5	John 3	God's Love for the World
Day 6	John 5	Jesus' Miracles and Authority
Day 7	Prov 10-18	Righteousness or Wickedness: choice is ours

Week Five

Day 1	Ps 100:1-5	Thanksgiving to God
Day 2	John 11	Jesus' Power over Death
Day 3	John 15	The Christian Life Defined
Day 4	John 17	Jesus' High Priestly Prayer
Day 5	Matt 26-27	The Arrest and Crucifixion of Jesus
Day 6	John 20	The Resurrection of Jesus
Day 7	Prov 19-23	Life and Behaviour

Week Six

Day 1	Ps 119	Word of God
Day 2	Luke 24	The Ascension of Jesus
Day 3	Acts 2	The Coming of the Holy Spirit
Day 4	Acts 7	Stephen's Testimony
Day 5	Acts 9	The Conversion of Saul
Day 6	Acts 26	Paul's Defense of the Christian Faith
Day 7	Prov 25-26	Words of Instruction

Week Seven

Day 1	Ps 121:1-8	Protection of God
Day 2	Rom 3	Justification by Faith Alone
Day 3	Rom 7-8	The Battle with Sin: Life in the Spirit
Day 4	1 Cor 13	The Way of Love
Day 5	1 Cor 15	The Power of the Resurrection
Day 6	Gal 5	Freedom in Christ
Day 7	Prov 27-29	Words of Warning

Week Eight

Day 1	Ps 150:1-6	Praise to God
Day 2	Eph 6	The Whole Armor of God
Day 3	Phil 1:18-2:18	Christ's Example
Day 4	Col 3:1-17	Putting on the New Self
Day 5	Heb 11	Testimonies of Faith
Day 6	Rev 21-22	The New Heaven and Earth
Day 7	Prov 31:10-31	A Godly Woman

44. Prayer of Commitment

Dear Jesus,

I confess that I am a sinner having gone my own way and that I need You as my Lord and Savior. I believe that You paid the price for my sins when You died on the cross and shed Your blood for me, so that I might have eternal life. I am ready, willing to turn from my sin and return to You. I now invite You into my heart and surrender the control and direction of my life entirely to You. Help me to be a true disciple to you and to others. Thank you for taking my punishment and providing for me a way of escape from eternal death to everlasting life. Thank you for coming into my heart so that I can now have a close, personal relationship with You.

Amen

(b) Relationship Commitment Certificate

My Confession:

I have confessed my sinfulness to God, turned from my sin and believe that Christ has forgiven me.

My Acceptance:

I now receive the living Christ into my life as Lord and Savior.

My Commitment:

I surrender the right of my life to Jesus Christ. Jesus is my Lord.

Date of surrender to Christ: _____

Signature: _____

Witnessed by: _____

45. Discipleship Lifestyle Steps

What follows are some helpful hints to strengthen the new relationship that you now have with Christ Jesus as His Disciples.

- Scripture:** Reading and studying the Word of God daily. *2 Timothy 3:14 – 17*
- Prayer:** For Christ's will and wisdom for others. *Philippians 4:6 – 7*
- Testify:** Share your faith in Christ and tell others of God's love. Water baptism is one of the first ways to do this. *1 Peter 3:15 – 16*
- Fellowship:** Go out and get involved with other believers – in worship, communion and giving – which will strengthen your personal relationship with God. *Hebrews 10:24 – 25*
- Walk:** Let the Holy Spirit direct and guide your life each day. Allow the Holy Spirit to fill you and empower you for service. *John 14:26, Acts 2:38*
- Fruit:** Grow each day while walking on a journey of maturity so that you may bear fruit that will last. *John 15:11*
- Seed Planting:** Fulfill the call of the great commission by going, planting and reaping for God's glory. The seed is the Good News of the Gospel of Christ. Go tell and give to others what you have freely received. *Matthew 28:19–20, Mark 16:15 – 18*

46. Disciple's Gospel Creed

1. I do believe and confess in the **Living Word** of God who, in the beginning was and is God, who created all things and without Him nothing was created, and as the Word He became flesh and dwelt amongst us, the only begotten of the Father who is full of grace and truth. *John 1:1-5*
2. I do believe and confess in the **virgin birth** of God's Son Jesus Christ through the woman Mary and that she was imbued from on high by the power of the Holy Spirit and conceived and gave birth to a Son whose name is "Emanuel, God with us". *Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-20*
3. I do believe and confess in the **life of Christ** who lived and taught here on earth proclaiming the Father and the Kingdom of God, exemplifying to all that He was the only way, truth and life, and that one should take up the cross and follow Him. Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
4. I do believe and confess in the **physical death** of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross, where he bore my sins and opened to people a way into the Holy of Holies where we could stand before the Father, clothed in Christ's grace and righteousness, proclaiming that we have died to ourselves and now live our all, as disciples, for Jesus. *Matthew 27:45-56, Mark 15:33-41, Luke 23:44-49, John 19:28-30*
5. I do believe and confess in the **bodily resurrection** of Jesus Christ that after being dead for three days He rose victorious from the grave, becoming the first born among many, putting to death the old man and making way for a new man, clothed and filled with His power and truth. *Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-13, Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-18*
6. I do believe and confess in the **ascension** of Jesus Christ, that from the time of the resurrection, to the day He was taken up into the clouds, being seen by many, is now in paradise, preparing a place for the disciples, interceding before the father on our behalf. *Acts 1:9-11*
7. I do believe and confess in the **Holy Spirit** who, as one of three Persons of the triune, is sent by the Father to baptize and fill His disciples with power, anointing them with the fruit of the Spirit, gifting them with gifts so that they can serve the body of Christ Jesus throughout the world. *John 16:5-15, Acts 2:1-4*
8. I do believe and confess in the one **church** of Jesus Christ, which He birthed on the Day of Pentecost through the Holy Spirit, being the

head, making her a living organism, with the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ on earth and giving to her His presence of love, making her a place of refuge, encouragement and nurturing, a place from which the teaching of Christ would go out, a place for all who would receive Him as their Lord and Saviour to have fellowship. *Acts 2:40-47, Eph 5:27, 29*

9. I do believe and confess in the **second coming** of Jesus Christ, that He will soon come again with His army as Lord and King, defeating all enemies and binding Satan and putting to death the curse of sin and disobedience once and for all, resulting in a new kingdom here on earth and in heaven. *Acts 1:11*
10. I do believe and confess in the literal place called **heaven**, where all will be judged, a place where the Lamb's Book of Life is kept, a place where one day as a disciple I will go, a place of no more sickness or death, a place where I will become a new creation with a new name, a place where we will come face to face with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ the Lamb of God, Redeemer for all who have believed in Him, and that we will gather together with Him at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, worshipping and adoring our King Jesus for all eternity. *John 14:1-4, Col 1:5*

I now and forever confess my total allegiance to My LORD and King Jesus Christ both now and for all eternity. Amen

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

47. Road Map for Eternal Life

1. **God is calling you!** *Romans 1:6-7*
Among whom you also are the **called** of Jesus Christ; ⁷to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called *as* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. **God has made a way for us.** *Romans 1:16*
For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for **salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
3. **No man is sinless.** *Romans 3:10*
As it is written, “**THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; ...**”
4. **All Men and Women are sinners.** *Romans 3:23-24*
For **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.
5. **Root problem to everything is sinfulness.** *Romans 5:12*
Therefore, just as through **one man sin** entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death **spread to all men**, because all sinned.
6. **God desires to give to us eternal life.** *Romans 6:23*
For the wages of sin is death, but the **free gift of God is eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord.
7. **Eternal life comes only through Jesus Christ.** *Romans 5:8*
But God demonstrates His own **love** toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, **Christ** died for us.
8. **Confess our sin, believe in our hearts and commit to Christ.** *Romans 10:9-10, 13*
That if you **confess with your mouth** Jesus *as* Lord, and **believe in your heart** that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, **resulting in salvation. ...** ¹³for “**Whoever will call on the name of the LORD will be saved.**”
9. **Living a transformed life.** *Romans 12:1-2*

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to **present** your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed** by the renewing of your mind, so that you may **prove what the will of God** is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

10. New life can start today. *Romans 13:11-12*

Do this, knowing the **time**, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for **now** salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. ¹²The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

11. Living for God with all our hearts. *Romans 14:8, 12*

For if we live, we **live for the Lord**, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, **we are the Lord's**. ... ¹²so then each one of us give an **account** of himself to God.

12. God fills us through the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13*

Now may the God of **hope fill you** with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the **Holy Spirit**.

Scriptures taken from New American Standard Version

Time to take the first step: Eternity Prayer

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I confess that I am a sinner, having gone my own way and that I need you as my Lord and Saviour. I believe that you paid the price for my sins when you died on the cross and shed your blood for me, so that I might have eternal life. I am ready and willing to turn from my sin and return back to you. I now invite you into my heart and surrender the control and direction of my entire life to you. Help me to be a true disciple for you and to serve others. Thank you for taking my punishment and providing for me a way of escape from eternal death to an everlasting life, and for coming into my heart so that I can now have a close personal relationship with you.

Amen

Welcome home to eternity with Christ Jesus.

48. Heaven

Paradise bliss, above the sky, firmament, the idea of the whole universe; the eternally wonderful dwelling of God (third heaven, 2 Cor 12:2); where judgement will take place; the place where the marriage supper of the Lamb occur; the battleground of spiritual warfare.

Book of Revelations

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| 1. Jesus the Alpha and Omega | Rev 1:8, 11; 20:6; 22:13 |
| 2. New Names | Rev 2:17; 3:12 |
| 3. Thrown Room | Rev 4:1-11 |
| 4. Martyrs | Rev 6:9-11 |
| 5. Marriage Supper of the Lamb | Rev 19:7 |
| 6. Judgement Seat of God | Rev 20:11-12 |
| 7. Lambs Book of Life | Rev 20:11-15; 21:27; 22:19 |
| 8. New Heaven and Earth | Rev 21:1 |
| 9. New Jerusalem | Rev 21:9 |
| 10. River and Tree of Life | Rev 22:1-5 |

Verses about heaven:

the beginning God created the **heaven** *Gen 1:1*
 behold, the **heaven** and **heaven** of **heavens** is the LORD's *Deut 10:14*
 who shall go up for us to **heaven** *Deut 30:12 (Rom 10:6)*
 behold, the **heaven** of **heavens** cannot contain thee *1 Kin 8:27*
 Elijah went up by a whirlwind into **heaven** *2 Kin 2:11*
 the LORD God of **heaven** hath given me *Ezr 1:2*
 temple, the LORD'S throne is in **heaven** *Ps 11:4*
 the **heavens** declare the glory of God *Ps 19:1*
 and the **heavens** shall declare his righteousness *Ps 50:6*
heavens are the work of thy hands *Ps 102:25 (Heb 1:10)*
 for, behold, I create new **heavens** *Isa 65:17 (2 Pet 3:13; Rev 21:1)*
heaven is my throne and earth is *Isa 66:1 (Acts 7:49)*
 new **heaven** and the new earth, which I will make *Isa 66:22*
 the Son of man came with the clouds of **heaven** *Dan 7:13*
 not open you the windows of **heaven** *Mal 3:10*
 for the kingdom of **heaven** is at hand *Matt 3:2*
 glorify your Father which is in **heaven** *Matt 5:16*

behold, your reward is great in **heaven** *Luke 6:23*
likewise joy shall be in **heaven** over one sinner *Luke 15:7*
heaven is my throne and earth is my *Acts 7:49*
principalities and powers in **heavenly** places *Eph 3:10*
the whole family in **heaven** and earth is named *Eph 3:15*
shall descend from **heaven** with a shout *1 Thes 4:16*
the Holy Ghost sent down from **heaven** *1 Pet 1:12*
and I heard a great voice out of **heaven** saying *Rev 21:3*

49. Revelation Book

The book of Revelation was written around 95 AD. It was penned by John who was an apostle and the son of Zebedee (Matt. 10:2). During the time of writing, John had been exiled to the island of Patmos for his activities as a Christian missionary.

The purpose of John's writing was to encourage the faithful to keep trusting and moving forward through hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. He wanted to show the believers that the final battle between God and Satan was soon to come and they must stand fast even unto death. Soon Christ would return for His church and would establish His Kingdom on earth and in heaven.

One of the distinctive features of the book is the use of the number seven. It is used 52 times. In Hebrew, the number seven stands for completeness. Here is a brief overview of how the number is used.

- ❖ seven beatitudes
- ❖ seven churches
- ❖ seven spirits
- ❖ seven golden lampstands
- ❖ seven stars
- ❖ seven seals
- ❖ seven horns and eyes
- ❖ seven trumpets
- ❖ seven thunders
- ❖ seven signs
- ❖ seven crowns
- ❖ seven plagues
- ❖ seven golden bowls
- ❖ seven hills
- ❖ seven kings

These are just some examples. There are many more throughout the book of Revelation.

Another distinction is the title 'LAMB' that is used to represent Jesus (written 24 times). It is a reminder to the reader that Jesus was sacrificed for the atonement of many. He did this for each of us on the cross of Calvary, outside the city of Jerusalem.

One other key thought that weaves its way through the book is the question of whom you will worship. From the beginning of time Satan has been trying to get mankind to bow down and worship him. Paul tells the disciples that we are in a battle, not of flesh and blood, but spiritual (Ephesians 6:12-13). We can either worship the Creator in whose image we were made or worship Satan (another created being), who is full of lies, destruction and death. We all face eternity – we need to choose with whom we will spend it.

Book of Revelation

The Seven Candle Sticks

Rev. 1:9-20

- Son of Man
- Held seven stars and a two edged sword
- Keys of death and of Hades
- The seven angels of the seven churches

The Seven Churches

Rev. 2-3

- Ephesus
- Smyrna
- Pergamum
- Thyatira
- Sardis
- Philadelphia
- Laodicea

GREAT TRIBULATION BEGINS

The Seven Seals

Rev. 6:1-8:5

- White horse
- Red Horse
- Black Horse
- Pale Horse
- Souls under the altar
- Physical changes
- Silence

The Seven Trumpets

Rev. 8:7-11:19

- Hail fire
- Burning Mountains
- Star/ wormwood
- Sun smitten
- Plague of locusts
- Plagues of horsemen
- Little book - two horsemen

The Seven Personages

Rev. 12:1-13:18

- The women
- Dragon
- Beast / 666
- False Prophets
- Beast out of sea
- Beast out of earth
- Male child
- Angel Michael

- 144,000

- 3 Angel Messengers
- Rev. 14:1-20

The Seven Vials

Rev. 15:1-16:21

- Boils
- Blood Sea
- Blood Rivers
- Great Heat
- Darkness
- Euphrates dried up
- Hail

The Seven Dooms

Rev. 17:1-20:15

- Seven bowls
- Babylon the Great
- Beast and false prophets cast into lake of fire
- Satan bound and the loosed
- Judgment at the throne of God

Battle of Armageddon

Rev. 14:1-20

- Europe
- Russia
- Asia

GREAT TRIBULATION ENDS

- Satan bound for 1000 year period - Rev. 20:1-3
- Satan loosed - Rev. 20:7-9
- Satan's last revolt
- Battle of Gog and Magog - Rev. 20:7-9

Judgement - Great White Throne

Rev. 20:11-15

Seven New Things

Rev. 21-22

- Earth
- Heaven
- City, Jerusalem
- Bride
- Light
- River / tree
- Robes

50. Bible Benediction

There are still many churches around the world that have the pastor close off a service with a prayer of blessing and benediction for the people before they depart. They usually will lift up their hands up over the people will praying and use some of the following Bible quotes in the last part of the closing prayer.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. Psalms 121:7,8

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. Romans 15:13

Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5,6

Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you. And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you; to the end he may stablish your heart unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. I Thessalonians 3:11-13

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

God shall supply all you need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Philippians 4:19,20

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. Philippians 4.23

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue. II Peter 1:2,3

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 1:24,25

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20,21

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. I Thessalonians 5:23

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work. II Thessalonians 2:16,17

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen. II Corinthians 13:14

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Numbers 6:24-26

Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:2

Finally, brethren, Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. II Corinthians 13:11

Beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Jude 1:20,21

Rom 8:38-39, 11:33,36

1 Cor 15:58

Gal 6:18

Eph 3:17-19, 20-21

Phil 4:7

Col 3:15-17

1 Tim 1:17; 6:15

Phi 2:5

2 Pet 3:18

2 John 1:3

Jude 1:24-25

Rev 1:5; 5:12; 7:12; 22:20-21

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Making disciples is the call and mandate of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus urged the disciples to follow Him. He laid down before us the teaching and the walk that we need to follow with Jesus as our supreme example. It is imperative for every believer and the church to know that disciples are not born but they are made. For the church to be strong in the last days, we must be about the business of equipping the saints (disciples) for the work of service.

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In March 1997, they traveled to Jamaica where they met several pastors who were very concerned about the need for training and disciplining their young people as leaders in their churches. Dr. James Humphries and Irene did not know this would be the starting point to an international ministry of discipleship training around the world known as Project L.A.M.B.S. International.

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